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Re: Youth Olympic Games 2014 Nanjing, People's Republic of China

Dear Mr. President,
Dear friends,

The first Youth Olympic Games was organized very successfully in Singapore in 2010. The second edition of the Olympic Games was awarded to the city of Nanjing in the People's Republic of China. We are pleased to give you some important information concerning this competition.

The dates of the Youth Olympic Games are scheduled for August 16-28, 2014. As in Singapore all athletes will be required to stay for the entire duration of the Youth Olympic Games.

The sports program has been adjusted and recently approved by the IOC Executive Board. The ISSF is very pleased to inform you that we succeeded in increasing the number of events from four in the past Youth Olympic Games in Singapore to six in the 2014 Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing. Unfortunately the IOC did not accept our first proposal to add two shotgun events. The IOC has decided that in order to control YOG costs events requiring a second venue for one sport will not be accepted.

However, we are very pleased to report that the IOC accepted our second proposal to include two team events in the program of the Youth Olympic Games. These two events will be air pistol and air rifle mixed team events. Each team will be composed of one male and one female athlete, based on their final rankings in the individual air rifle and air pistol men and women events. The first place air rifle men athlete will be paired with the 20th place air rifle women athlete. The second place air rifle men athlete will be paired with the 19th place air rifle women athlete and so on. The pairing will continue until the 20th place air rifle men athlete is paired with the first place air rifle women athlete to form 20 total air rifle teams. The same system will be used to form 20 total air pistol teams. The team pairings will be adjusted to ensure that no two athletes from one nation are on the same team.

A major objective of this competition will be to give all shooting athletes in the Youth Olympic Games an additional competition experience that brings them together in a special event stressing international cooperation and friendship. The team events will take place over two days, following the four days of individual competitions. On the first day, all team members will shoot a qualification program of 40 shots. The scores of each team member will be added and the combined results will determine the best 16 teams that advance to a "round of 16 competition" on the same day. In the quarter finals eight pairs of teams will compete. The highest scoring team in the qualification will shoot against the lowest scoring team, the second highest scoring team will shoot against the next to the lowest scoring team etc. In the team pairs competitions, the two members of each team will each fire one shot. The scores of the two team members will be added and compared with the two shot score total of the other team. The team with the highest total will score one point. The paired teams will continue to fire one shot contests until one team scores ten points during that round of competition.

The eight winning teams in each team event will advance to the quarter final, semifinal and final round competitions on the second day. Team pairs will use the same ten point format in each successive round of competition. The four winning teams in each quarter final event will compete in the semifinal to determine the teams that compete for the gold and silver medals and the teams that compete for the bronze medal. Final regulations for this competition format will be provided.

The ISSF is very pleased with this addition of the two team events and we are looking forward to excellent competitions during the Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing 2014.

The qualification system principles and the allocation procedure for the NOC universality places have been defined and will be submitted for approval the IOC Executive Board. As soon as the IOC Executive Board has approved these principles, the ISSF will be able to amend the previous quota rules for the Youth Olympic Games. However, the number of quota places has already been confirmed by the IOC. Shooting sport will again have 80 quota places for participants in the Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing.

The IOC decided that the YOG qualification period will start on April 1, 2013 and will end on June 8, 2014. Further details concerning qualification system principles will be sent as early as possible.

We are looking forward to a successful second edition of the Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing in 2014 and remain

With best regards,
Sincerely,



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