

FACT SHEET

WHAT ARE THE YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES?

The Youth Olympic Games are the biggest multi-sport world competition for young high performance athletes, which seeks to inspire athletes to embrace the Olympic values of RESPECT, FRIENDSHIP AND EXCELLENCE. The event, promoted by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), gathers young athletes between 15 and 18 years old. It is held every four years in its two editions, winter and summer, which alternately occurs every two years. Beyond the field of play, athletes together with spectators also take part in educational and cultural activities that promote Olympism.

GOLF COMPETITION FORMAT

There are three events at the Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games Golf competition: Men's Individual Stroke Play, Women's Individual Stroke Play and Mixed Team. All competitions are conducted in a stroke play format.

There is a maximum of 32 players in both Men's and Women's Individual events: 32 men and 32 women will make up the maximum 32 teams of the Mixed Team event.

a. Individual Events (Both Men's and Women's):

Individual stroke play events are played over 54 holes (3 rounds of 18 holes) over three consecutive days. Each player plays against every other player. Players complete each hole on the course, over three rounds and, after each round, return a score card with a gross score for each hole. The player who plays the stipulated rounds 4 in the fewest strokes is the winner. A seeded draw is applied for the final round with the leading players teeing off last.

b. Mixed Team Event:

72-hole mixed gender team competition. Each team will be grouped with a different team for rounds 1 and 2, and then there will be a seeded draw for round 3, with the leading teams teeing off last. The competition consists of teams completing each hole on the course, over three rounds and, after each round, returning a signed scorecard with a score for each hole. The team competition to be all stroke play as follows:

- First round: Four-ball stroke play (pairs of players play as partners, with each playing their own ball. The lower score of the partners is the score for the hole. If one partner fails to complete a hole, there is no penalty. The IGF Event Delegate will stipulate the tees to be used by women and men.)
- Second round: Foursomes stroke play (pairs of players play as partners, and each pair plays a single ball, taking alternating strokes. The IGF Event Delegate will stipulate the tees to be used by women and men.)
- Third round: Cumulative team play score based on women's individual scores, 3(F) and men's individual scores, 3(M) The scores for all three rounds (4 x 18 holes scores) will be combined to form the team score. The team that has the lowest cumulative score for the three rounds is the winner

Each team has two or three players, who each play 18 holes of stroke play over four days. In each round, the total of the two lowest scores from each team constitutes the team score for the round. The four-day (72-hole) total is the team's score for the championship.

The complete "IGF Regulations for Youth Olympic Games" are available here: https://www.igfgolf.org/wp-content/uploads/YOG-Regulations_-Aug18.pdf



ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to participate in the Youth Olympic Games, athletes must have been born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2003. All athletes must be amateur golfers who hold a recognised Handicap Index not exceeding 6.4. All players must be amateur golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited and The United States Golf Association (available [here](#)).

SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Day 3	09 Oct			
Session	GLF01	Start	08:30	
	08:30	15:00	06:30	Men's Individual Stroke Play Round 1
	08:30	15:00	06:30	Women's Individual Stroke Play Round 1
Day 4	10 Oct			
Session	GLF02	Start	08:30	
	08:30	15:00	06:30	Men's Individual Stroke Play Round 2
	08:30	15:00	06:30	Women's Individual Stroke Play Round 2
Day 5	11 Oct			
Session	GLF03	Start	08:30	
	08:30	15:00	06:30	Men's Individual Stroke Play Round 3
	08:30	15:00	06:30	Women's Individual Stroke Play Round 3
	15:10	15:15	00:05	Men's Individual Stroke Play Victory Ceremony
	15:15	15:20	00:05	Women's Individual Stroke Play Victory Ceremony
Day 7	13 Oct			
Session	GLF04	Start	08:30	
	08:30	14:40	06:10	Mixed Teams Round 1
Day 8	14 Oct			
Session	GLF05	Start	08:30	
	08:30	14:40	06:10	Mixed Teams Round 2
Day 9	15 Oct			
Session	GLF06	Start	08:30	
	08:30	15:00	06:30	Mixed Teams Round 3
	15:10	15:15	00:05	Mixed Teams Victory Ceremony
Day 10	16 Oct			
Session	GLFSD	Start	00:00 Spare Day	

MEDALS & DIPLOMAS

Medals will be awarded for first, second and third place to the lowest three individual finishers in each competition based on cumulative score for the four rounds as listed below. Any ties will be broken by play-offs as necessary.

- First place: A gold medal, a diploma and an Olympic medallist's pin.
- Second place: A silver medal, a diploma and an Olympic medallist's pin.
- Third place: A bronze medal, a diploma and an Olympic medallist's pin.
- Fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth places, including ties: A diploma (no play-off for these positions).

As stated in the Olympic Charter, bye-law to Rule 46, 1.2, it is the responsibility of the IGF to establish the final results and ranking of the Olympic competitions.

ENTRIES

Twenty-seven NOCs/IGF National Federation Members (NFM) received qualification places for the individual stroke play events and mixed gender team event at the 3rd Summer Youth Olympic Games – Buenos Aires 2018 Golf Competition. They have been selected according to the Youth Olympic Golf Rankings, which are formed by adding the highest ranked man and woman on the Men World Amateur Golf Rankings and Women World Amateur Women Golf Rankings as of 25 July 2018. The World Amateur Golf Rankings ([WAGR](#)) rank amateur golfers by assessing performance



at thousands of amateur golf tournaments. The WAGR System ranks the top amateur golfers in the world on the basis of their average performance in counting events on a rolling cycle over the previous 52 weeks.

One Host Country place was allocated to Argentina and Universality Places were allocated to four NOCs, for a total of thirty-two countries.

The complete list is available [here](#)

ABOUT THE VENUE

The Hurlingham Club is a Golf and Polo Club located within the Province of Buenos Aires. The club was founded in 1888 and it hosts a wide range of other activities, such as cricket, gymnastics, horse riding, polo, squash and tennis. The first golf course consisted of 9 holes and was opened in 1892. George Gadd and Arthur Havers designed the existing 18-hole course in 1922. The Club has hosted on many occasions the Argentine Amateur Championships and Argentine Open. It also hosts one of the most important Polo tournaments in the world, the Hurlingham Open.

<http://hurlinghamclub.com.ar/>

YARDAGE

	DISTANCES	
	MEN	WOMEN
Hole 1	356	344
Hole 2	428	371
Hole 3	141	133
Hole 4	411	356
Hole 5	526	491
Hole 6	426	397
Hole 7	150	135
Hole 8	413	356
Hole 9	195	175
Sub Total	3046	2758
Hole 10	388	371
Hole 11	555	462
Hole 12	220	150
Hole 13	505	474
Hole 14	395	350
Hole 15	184	160
Hole 16	410	364
Hole 17	424	376
Hole 18	342	330
Sub Total	3423	3037
Total	6469	5795



MEN	Hole 1	Hole 2	Hole 3	Hole 4	Hole 5	Hole 6	Hole 7	Hole 8	Hole 9	
	4	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	3	34
	Hole 10	Hole 11	Hole 12	Hole 13	Hole 14	Hole 15	Hole 16	Hole 17	Hole 18	
	4	5	3	5	4	3	4	4	4	36

WOMEN	Hole 1	Hole 2	Hole 3	Hole 4	Hole 5	Hole 6	Hole 7	Hole 8	Hole 9	
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THE INTERNATIONAL GOLF FEDERATION

The International Golf Federation, previously known as the World Amateur Golf Council, which comprises 151 national governing bodies of golf in 146 countries, and international professional tours and organizations conducting major championships, conducts the biennial World Amateur Team Championships and is the international federation for golf for the International Olympic Committee.

The IGF conducted the golf competition at the Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, China in 2014 and is conducting the competition again this year in Argentina.

In Nanjing, the men's individual stroke play competition was won by the Italian, Renato Paratore, with Marcus Kinhult (SWE), second and silver medallist and Danthai Boonma (THA) third and bronze medalist. The women's individual stroke play competition was won by the Korean Soyoung Lee, followed by Ssu-Chia Cheng (TPE) and Supamas Sangchan (THA). The mixed Team competition was won by Sweden (Marcus KINHULT and Linnea STROM) followed by Korea (Eun Ho YOUM and Soyoung LEE) and Italy (Renato PARATORE and Virginia Elena CARTA)

Complete rankings for the Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games are available <https://www.igfgolf.org/olympic-games/youth-olympic-games/nanjing-2014/>

The IGF also conducted the Olympic golf competition in Rio de Janeiro in 2016. Justin Rose of Great Britain won the gold medal in the men's competition and Henrik Stenson of Sweden and Matt Kuchar of the USA, won the silver and bronze medals, respectively.

Inbee Park of the Republic of Korea won the gold medal in the women's competition and Lydia Ko of New Zealand won the silver while Shanshan Feng of the People's Republic of China won the bronze medal.

FUTURE SITES

The IOC Session in Buenos Aires confirmed that Senegal will be the host of 2022 Youth Olympic Games. In PyeongChang, the IOC Session in February 2018 unanimously decided that the next edition of the Youth Olympic Games in 2022 would be awarded to the African continent.

Further information is available <https://www.olympic.org/youth-olympic-games>



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