



## 2010 YOUTH OLYMPICS GAMES

### SELECTION CRITERIA

#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

##### 1.1 Event Location and Dates

- Bishan Stadium, Singapore
- Competition Dates : August 14<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 2010

##### 1.2 Important Dates and Team Member Travel Obligations

Date	Event / Note	Location / Note
January 16 <sup>th</sup> 2010	Beginning of Qualifying Period*	
March 14 <sup>th</sup> 2010	End of Qualifying Period*	
March 15 <sup>th</sup> 2010	1st Stage Selection – AAQYOG	
March 16- 30 <sup>th</sup> 2010	1 <sup>st</sup> Appeal Period	
April 5 <sup>th</sup> 2010	Team Announcement for AAQYOG**	
May 22-23 <sup>rd</sup> 2010	Asian Area Qualification for YOG	
May 24 <sup>th</sup> 2010	Final Stage Selection - YOG	
May 25-29 <sup>th</sup> 2010	2 <sup>nd</sup> Appeal and Process Period	
June 5 <sup>th</sup> 2010	Final YOG Team Announcement**	

\*Please refer to SAA Competition Calendar 2010 for competition dates

\*\*subject to change

##### 1.3 Eligibility

- Must be Singaporean
- Born on 31<sup>st</sup> December 1993 and 1994 ( 16 and 17 years old in the year of competition)

##### 1.4 Events

Total of 34 individual events featured. The events as follows:  
100m, 200m, 400m, 110mHurdles(boys), 100mHurdles(girls), 400mHurdles ,1000m,  
3000m, 2000mSteepleChase, High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Pole Vault,  
Discus, Javelin, Shot Put, Hammer, 10000m walk(boys), 5000m walk(girls)

##### 1.5 Quota

Singapore as a host can enter a maximum of 10 athletes (5 boys and 5 Girls) for the Games. A maximum of one athlete per NOC can compete in each event.



### 1.6 Final Selection Date

The SAA Training and Selection Committee will make its final team selections following the completion of the Qualifying Period, and after all appeals, if any have been heard. The final team selection will be made no later than the SNOG final entry deadline for this competition.

### 1.8 Team List Announcement

SAA will announce the team list through established communication channels (Email, website and telephone); selected athletes will be contacted directly.

## 2. TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

### 2.1 All athletes aspiring to gain selection for the YOG must:

1) Respect the qualification period and performance within the period to gain nomination. (Overseas based Singaporean please contact and inform SAA the 3 key competitions they intend to use to qualify for the National Junior Championships (NJC). These competitions must be carried out in accordance to IAAF competition rules for youths. Participation in NJC is mandatory for all Singaporeans wishing to gain selection for YOG.)

2) Take part in the 3 stipulated series of competition (1<sup>st</sup> AC meet 2010; 2<sup>nd</sup> AC meet 2010 and 3<sup>rd</sup> AC meet 2010)(for local based) to register a valid performance to progress to National Juniors Championships 2010.

3) Attain two best valid performances(1 from AC meet + 1 from NJC for AAQYOG and 1 from NJC + 1 from AAQYOG for YOG) in order to be taken into account for nomination at the two different stages (AAQYOG and YOG). The average of these two performances will be used for nomination. (Refer to 2.2)

These criteria set out to select athletes who have met the following and also final selection recommendation made in the following order:

- The average performance bettering the Youth Olympics bench mark standards (Please see Appendix A) by the biggest percentage
- The average performance closest to the Youth Olympics bench mark standards by the nearest percentage



## 2.2 Stages of Nomination (Please See Appendix B)

**2.2.1** Athletes have to qualify between the stipulated period for National Juniors Championships (NJC) via 3 stated qualifying competitions. The Top 16 athletes per event by the rank of performance will qualify to compete in the NJC.

**2.2.2** The first stage of nomination will end after the last NJC. The TOP 16 athletes (8 Boys and 8 Girls) with the greatest possibility by percentage to achieve a top 10 finish at YOG will be nominated for the Asian Area Qualification for YOG 2010.

**2.2.3** The second stage of nomination will end right after the Asian Area Qualification for YOG. From here the top 10 athletes (5 Boys and 5 Girls) with the greatest possibility by percentage to achieve a top 10 finish at YOG will be nominated.

**2.2.4** Tie Break for AAQYOG and YOG nomination respectively will be as follows:

No.	Key Factor	Determinant
1	Current performance achieved in NJC	Match against YOGBM , with greatest performance by percentage breaking the tie
2	Final position achieved in NJC	Highest position achieved

No.	Key Factor	Determinant
1	Current performance achieved in AAQYOG	Match against YOGBM, with greatest performance by percentage breaking the tie
2	Final position achieved in AAQYOG	Highest position achieved

## 2.3 Appeal Process

Any appeal must be made by the stipulated date as above.

The sole ground for any appeal is that the selection criteria were not properly followed.

An appeal must be made in writing with appropriate and sufficient supporting documentation and must be accompanied by a deposit of S\$100.00, payable to the Singapore Athletic Association. If the appeal is upheld by the Appeal Panel, the deposit will be refunded in full.



Within two (2) working days of closing the appeal period, if any appeal is made, the YOG Appeals Panel will investigate the issues of the appeal with all involved parties.

SAA will, in writing, inform all parties about the Appeals Panel's decision to either uphold or reject the appeal. The decision of the Appeal Panel will be final and no further correspondence will be entertained.

The Training and Selection Committee of Singapore Athletic Association reserves the right to make the final recommendation of the nominees for selection in respect to the above.

### 3. COMPETITIVE READINESS REQUIREMENTS

#### 3.1 Competitive Readiness

Injury or illness following fulfilment of the selection criteria may result in the athlete being deselected from the team and replaced by the next eligible and competition – ready athlete. It is the obligation of the athlete and coach to immediately report any injury or illness that could affect their ability to train or compete. A Designated Medical Personal will determine the probability of the optimal readiness which is defined as the ability of the athlete to be competitive and achieve equal or superior performances (as compared to the qualifying performance achieved) at 100% effort at the 2010 Youth Olympics Games. The final decision will be made by the SAA Training and Selection Committee based on the recommendation made by the Designated Medical Personal. Injured and or ill athletes will be subject to a final proof of readiness tests to be determined by the Head Coach in conjunction with the personal coach but minimally will consist of a controlled performance such as a competition or observed test.

#### 3.2 Team Composition

Once the team is finalised, the team composition will not change unless:

- 1) deselection of a member due to competitive readiness(see 3.1)
- 2) selected athlete is unable to take part in YOG due to unforeseen circumstances
- 3) Demonstrate a lack of commitment to training requirements and/or tournament preparations in the opinion of the responsible National Coaches and Technical Director.
- 4) Breaches or fails to fulfil a requirement of the Anti-Doping Policies of the SAA, the IAAF or other approved agencies, if applicable.

In all cases a replacement athlete who is the next in line to fulfil the objective by fulfilling the selection criteria will take the appropriate place.



#### **4. DETERMINING OF BENCHMARK**

##### **4.1 Objective**

The team selection objective for the 2010 Youth Olympics Games is to have at least 1 -2 athletes in the top 10 placing of the games. Athletes with the greatest possibility to achieve this will be considered for nomination.

The 10th performances of the last three IAAF World Youth Championships is collated and then averaged to get the Youth Olympics Benchmark Standards.

For the 1000m the following were used to attain the benchmark standards:

Step 1: average 10th performances for 800m and 1500m of the last three IAAF World Youth Championships were established

Step 2: using IAAF scoring table points were taken for both 800m and 1500m performances.

Step 3: These points is then averaged

Step 4: The average point is then used to establish the 1000m benchmark standards from the IAAF scoring table.

#### **5. Contact**

You may contact the Singapore Athletic Association on the contact mode provided for these criteria for matters pertaining to the selection of athletes.

#### **6. YOG Appeal Panel**

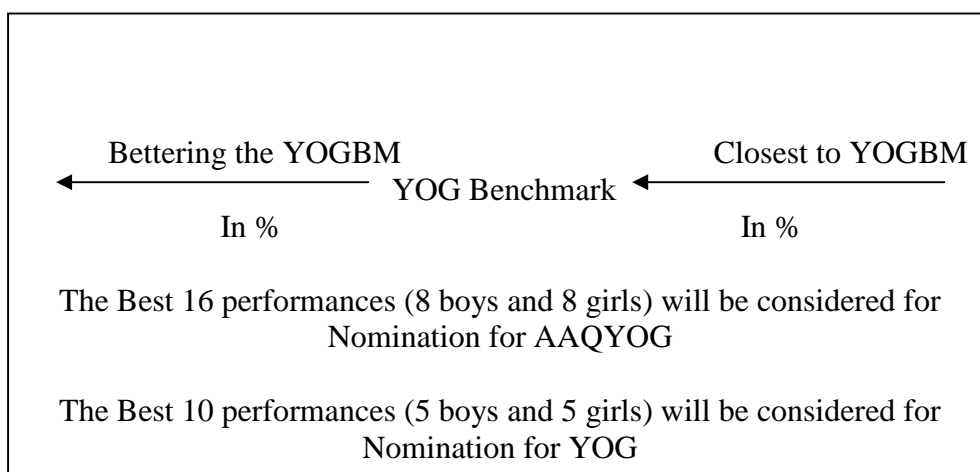
The following are the members of the appeal panel:

- 1) Dr. G. Balasekaran
- 2) Dr. Paul Tseng
- 3) Kesavan Soon



### APPENDIX A –YOUTH OLYMPICS GAMES BENCHMARK

BOYS	Event	GIRLS
10.79	100M	11.92
21.71	200M	24.32
48.51	400M	55.75
2:28.06	1000M	2:49.91
8:21.28	3000M	9:45.85
13.99	(0.914m)110M / 100M Hurdles(0.762m)	13.82
53.23	(0.84m)400M Hurdles (0.762m)	61.57
5:56.83	(0.914m) 2000M SC (0.762m)	6:47.79
45:27.80	10000M /5000M walk	24:15.14
2.05	High Jump	1.74
7.22	Long Jump	5.99
15.08	Triple Jump	12.40
4.78	Pole Vault	3.80
18.59	(5kg) Shot Put (4kg)	12.96
55.15	(1.5kg)Discus(1kg)	43.82
67.61	(700g) Javelin (600g)	45.63
67.93	(5kg) Hammer (4kg)	51.57





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### APPENDIX B YOG TEAM NOMINATION STAGES

