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The countdown is on to the first Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in history. This first edition of YOG will take place in Singapore, with the Opening Ceremony scheduled for Saturday August 14th.

This will be followed by nearly two weeks of competitions in 26 different sports for young athletes aged 15 to 17 years. Among these sports is cycling, in which 32 National Federations will take part. Each nation will enter a team of three men and one woman, with medals being awarded to teams rather than individuals.

As a reminder, the three male members of the cycling team will all compete in the road race, plus one each of the following disciplines: road time trial, mountain bike, BMX. The female member of each team will race in the road time trial, mountain bike and BMX events.

This third YOG bulletin provides you with the final list of countries qualified for the cycling events, information on the Culture and Education Programme organised for the competitors during the Games, news from the test events for the three cycling disciplines, the new modified competition programme and more...

FINAL LIST OF COUNTRIES QUALIFIED FOR CYCLING EVENTS

The International Cycling Union (UCI) has published a new list of National Olympic Committees (NOC) qualified for the cycling events at the Youth Olympic Games.

This latest list, which includes nations that have been allocated “universality” places, brings the number of qualified countries to 31 compared to 27 in the last list published in November 2009. Three continents see their number of participating countries increase: America from 4 to 6, Asia from 2 to 4 and Africa from 1 to 2. The number of European countries (17) and countries from Oceania (2) remains unchanged.

The allocation of one remaining “universality” place has still to be confirmed by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).



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The list of NOCs particip is as follows:

ARGENTINA	ERITREA	POLAND
AUSTRALIA	GERMANY	PORTUGAL
BELARUS	HUNGARY	SERBIA
BELGIUM	ITALY	SINGAPORE
BOLIVIA	JAPAN	SLOVENIA
BRAZIL	KAZAKHSTAN	SOUTH AFRICA
CANADA	LATVIA	SPAIN
COLOMBIA	MEXICO	SWITZERLAND
CZECH REPUBLIC	NETHERLANDS	THAILAND
DENMARK	NEW ZEALAND	TBC

WORLD CYCLING CENTRE DIRECTOR **FRÉDÉRIC MAGNÉ** ROLE MODEL FOR YOUNG ATHLETES

The vision for the Youth Olympic Games is to combine sport, culture and education. To achieve this objective, the IOC has developed the Culture and Education Programme (CEP) for participants at the Games. The CEP is a series of fun and interactive activities helping the athletes to adopt the Olympic values of excellence, friendship and respect.



As part of the CEP, the YOG participants will have the opportunity to interact with athlete role models in each of the 26 sports represented at the Games. These role models will share their personal experiences on achieving success in both sports and life.

For cycling, the role model will be former track cyclist Frédéric Magné (France), who is currently Director of the World Cycling Centre (WCC) in Aigle, Switzerland. Among Mr Magné’s numerous achievements are seven world titles: three in the keirin and four in the tandem (with Fabrice Colas). He also participated at four consecutive Olympic Games from 1988 to 2000.

As WCC Director, Mr Magné is dedicated to nurturing young talent and he relishes the opportunity to talk to young athletes at the Singapore Games. “As role models, we will talk to these young athletes about competing in sport at a high level, the sacrifices that have to be made, the investment required, the benefits and the rewards. It’s a question of sharing our experience and guiding them”

As well as watching the competitions and participating in the “Chat with the Champions” sessions, Mr Magné intends to interact as much as possible with the athletes, visiting them at the village and joining them for meals.

“I will be there to answer questions, give advice and talk informally with the athletes. It should be a very rewarding experience for all of us,” he added



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TEST EVENTS FOR CYCLING DISCIPLINES

In order to be sure that the cycling events run smoothly during the Games, the UCI organised test events for the three disciplines. These test events are a form of rehearsal for the competition itself from an organisational point of view.

The test event for the road race took place in March on the 10km circuit at the heart of Singapore. UCI Road Coordinator Marc Chovelon was present to observe the course, the passage of vehicles, volunteers, car radios and security. It was also an opportunity for some of Singapore's new National Commissaires to work at their first race.

The mountain bike and BMX test events took place at the end of May, attended respectively by the UCI Off-Road Manager Mr Peter Van den Abeele and the UCI's BMX track builder Tom Ritzenthaler, who built the BMX track especially for the Youth Olympic Games.

After these three important test events, the UCI looks forward with confidence to the cycling competitions at the 2010 Youth Olympic Games. The organisational aspects are in place... let the racing begin!

CHANGE TO PROGRAMME FOR THE CYCLING DISCIPLINES

The training and competition schedule for the Youth Olympic Games has changed slightly. The training sessions and competitions for the cycling disciplines will take place as follows (but is still subject to change):

Sunday 15th August

Confirmation of starters, all categories
Official training, road
Official training, mountain bike
Official training, BMX

Monday 16th August

Official training, road
Official training, mountain bike
Official training, BMX
Team Managers meeting – all disciplines and categories

Tuesday 17th August

Mountain bike race, Junior Women
Mountain bike race, Junior Men
Familiarisation ride for time trial, Junior Men

Wednesday 18th August

Time trial, Junior Men
Official training, BMX

Thursday 19th August

BMX racing, Junior Women
BMX racing, Junior Men

Friday 20th August

Rest day

Saturday 21st August

Familiarisation ride for time trial, Junior Women
Familiarisation ride for road race, Junior Men

Sunday 22nd August

Time trial, Junior Women
Road Race, Junior Men
Medal Ceremony



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YOUNG ATHLETES TRAINING FOR THE GAMES AT WORLD CYCLING CENTRE

In October 2009, 15 athletes travelled to the World Cycling Centre (WCC) to train for the Youth Olympic Games.

A similar training camp is being organised at the WCC from June 1st to July 31st where invited athletes will have a chance to work with UCI coaches in the road, mountain bike and BMX disciplines.

YOG: NEXT STOP CHINA

The 2014 Youth Olympic Games will be held in Nanjing, China, from 16th to 28th August 2014. This decision was announced on 10th February 2010 after a vote by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) at the 122nd IOC Session in Vancouver, Canada.

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