

TRAP Candidate Selection for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games (YOG)

- 1) Athletes who are **16-17 y/o** in 2018 (born in 2001-2002) are eligible for the 2018 **Buenos Aires YOG**. These athletes are **14-15 y/o** in 2016. While some candidates have already been pinpointed, we would like to open the search for qualifiers to as many athletes as possible.
- 2) ITU strictly prohibits 15 y/o's from racing at the ITU Junior Elite Sprint distance of 750m-20k-5k (from here on referred to as an **ITU Sprint**). Race routes with distances that are a little longer than the usual **Super Sprint** distance but shorter than an **ITU Sprint** will be used until 2017.
- 3) TRAP has devised a way for current 14-15 YO's who are interested in qualifying for the YOG to go head to head in specifically designated races. These races will be assigned points based on order of finish. The selection of candidates will be based on the number of accumulated points earned by each participant. The series will be called the **Philippine 2018 YOG Qualifying Races (YOGQR)**. Qualifying races will be announced before the start of the racing season
- 4) The **Asian Qualifier** for the **2018 YOG Triathlon** will probably be held between **Jan 1 - Jun 8, 2018**. Asia gets 5 representatives per gender only and if a country qualifies an athlete, only one (1) representative per country per gender is selected for the YOG. While a document re the Asian Qualifier still does not exist, it is reasonable to assume that the same procedure will be followed for the 2018 YOG. The number of representatives per gender and per country to the Asian Qualifier will still be determined by ITU; but in 2010 and 2014 the number of eligible representatives was 2 per country per gender.

5) The **Point System**:

Event	1 st Place	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
2016 Phil Aquathlon Champs	10	7	5	3	1
2016 Anvaya Cove	10	7	5	3	1
2016 Batang Pinoy	15	12	10	8	6
2017 Subic NAGT	15	12	10	8	6
2017 SuBIT	15	12	10	8	6
Provincial Legs- 2017 NAGT (TBA)	15	12	10	8	6
2017 Anvaya Cove	15	12	10	8	6
2017 Batang Pinoy	15	12	10	8	6
2018 Subic NAGT	20	15	12	10	8

- a) Qualifying races closer to the Asian Qualifying event will be given higher points
 - b) Cumulative points from the **Best 5** finishes out of the designated Qualifying Races determine the ranking of athlete per gender.
 - c) Provincial legs are TBA pending acceptance by organizers to host these events.
 - d) Ties will be broken by TRAP.
- 6) Podium finishes in international ITU races will also be given consideration in the final selection of candidates for the Asian Qualifying race.
 - 7) TRAP reserves the right to extend the series into early 2018 when all the athletes can already join ITU Sprints.
 - 8) Shortlisted candidates identified by the PHI Coaching Staff will undergo mandatory periodic **“Performance Assessment”** or races to determine relative strength and fitness of the candidates. These rankings may be included in the Qualifying process.
 - 9) Upon conclusion of the 2017 qualifying races, the Top 3 ranked athletes of each gender will then undergo special training to prepare for the Asian YOG Qualifier.
 - 10) Opportunities for **High Performance Training Camps**, locally and abroad, will arise in the course of the **2018 YOGQR**. The Coaching Staff will invite deserving athletes to these for further training. Performance at these HP Camps will also determine final selection for the Asian Qualifier.
 - 11) TRAP reserves the right to invite outstanding foreign athletes with Filipino blood who hold a valid Filipino passport and who express a desire to race for PHI. However, foreign athlete must be willing to race in the Philippines at SuBIT 2017.
 - 12) TRAP reserves the right to determine final selection of entries for the Asian Qualifier.

Schedule of Activities:

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| Aug. 28, 2016 – | Performance Assessment
Venue: ULTRA
Distances: 400m Swim & 3k Run |
| Sept. 3-4, 2016 – | Joint Training (preparation for the National Aquathlon Championships)
Venue: Subic (Coach Ani will negotiate special rate with Subic Homes)
Training Focus: Swim-Bike-Run-Transition |

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