



**YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES
INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATION EVENTS
FORMAT OF PLAY**



The 5 **International Qualification Events** for the First Youth Olympic Games will be attached to the 5 ITTF Junior Circuits selected, one in each Continent.

All 5 events will be governed by the ITTF and will use the same format of play. Specific Boys and Girl Singles events will be held during the above mentioned 5 ITTF Junior Circuit and each one will qualify one place for the YOG.

Only one player per NOC without players of the same gender already qualified for the YOG will be eligible to participate in each one of these events. Only players born between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1995 can participate in these events.

Format of competition (more than 5 players entered):

Stage ONE:

All players entered in the event will be drawn according to the last available ITTF U18 ranking in groups of 4 or 3 players using the modified snake system. Those players without ITTF ranking will be drawn randomly in the vacant places. Whenever possible, groups of 4 players will be created.

Matches in STAGE ONE will be to the best of five (5) games.

Stage TWO:

Two players from each group will advance to the second stage played in KO basis.

Winners in the groups of the STAGE ONE will be seeded according to the group they were in the first stage; and runners-up will be drawn into the opposite half.

A match to define the winner and a match to define the third place will be played. Other position matches will not be played (i.e. positions 5-8 or 5-6...).

Matches in STAGE TWO will be to the best of seven (7) games.

Format of competition (if only 5 players or less are entered):

Round robin Group.