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Less than one year before the first Youth Olympic Games (YOG), which will take place in Singapore in August 2010, the young hopefuls in the different cycling disciplines are already focused on this new major international sporting celebration.

In this second Youth Olympic Games Newsletter, the UCI is pleased to be able to announce the countries who have already qualified for the YOG cycling events.

TWENTY-SEVEN COUNTRIES ALREADY QUALIFIED FOR CYCLING EVENTS

The International Cycling Union (UCI) this week published a list of 27 National Olympic Committees qualified for the Singapore Youth Olympic Games. Of these 27 NOCs, 26 have qualified under two different sporting criteria, while Singapore qualifies as host country. Each of these nations can enter a team of three boys and one girl, born between 1 January 1992 and 31 December 1993. Fifteen of the 27 NOCs qualified under the “endurance” criteria, based on the final ranking of the 2009 UCI Juniors Nations Cup. Another 11 nations qualified under the “performance” criteria, based on the cumulated ranking by nation of the 2009 UCI Junior Men’s BMX and Mountain Bike Olympic Cross-country World Championships. The NOCs now have until 5 November to confirm their intention to take part in the YOG. If any countries desist, the UCI will reallocate the available places.

The list of NOCs qualified under the criteria mentioned above is as follows:

NOC	Qualify by	Quota
1 BELGIUM	ENDURANCE CRITERIA	EUROPE: 17 AMERICA: 4 OCEANIA: 2 ASIA: 2 AFRICA: 1 TOTAL: 26
2 NETHERLANDS	ENDURANCE CRITERIA	
3 FRANCE	ENDURANCE CRITERIA	
4 UNITED STATES	ENDURANCE CRITERIA	
5 GERMANY	ENDURANCE CRITERIA	
6 DENMARK	ENDURANCE CRITERIA	
7 RUSSIA	ENDURANCE CRITERIA	
8 AUSTRIA	ENDURANCE CRITERIA	
9 PORTUGAL	ENDURANCE CRITERIA	
10 CANADA	ENDURANCE CRITERIA	
11 ITALY	ENDURANCE CRITERIA	
12 CZECH REPUBLIC	ENDURANCE CRITERIA	
13 POLAND	ENDURANCE CRITERIA	
14 NEW ZEALAND	ENDURANCE CRITERIA	
15 SLOVENIA	ENDURANCE CRITERIA	
16 AUSTRALIA	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	
17 SWITZERLAND	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	
18 SOUTH AFRICA	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	
19 ARGENTINA	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	
20 BRAZIL	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	
21 HUNGARY	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	
22 NORWAY	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	
23 SWEDEN	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	
24 JAPAN	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	
25 GREAT BRITAIN	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	
26 KAZAKHSTAN	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	



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As the host country, Singapore, can also enter a team, the total number of countries qualified to date is 27. In addition five “universality” places remain to be allocated.

The relative deadlines for the qualification process are as follows:

5 October 2009	The UCI notifies the NOCs of their qualification places
5 November 2009	The NOCs confirm to the UCI their intention to participate
1 June 2010	The NOCs confirm that they will definitely participate
1 June - 14 July 2010	Final reallocation of places not used by the NOCs
15 July 2010	Entries deadline, including names, for all sports

YOUNG ATHLETES PREPARING YOG AT WORLD CYCLING CENTRE

Fifteen young athletes aged between 15 and 17 years are currently training at the World Cycling Centre (WCC) in Aigle, Switzerland, to prepare the 2010 Youth Olympic Games in Singapore.

The young cyclists from Bolivia, Singapore and Brazil will train for the road, mountain bike and BMX disciplines during the month-long course organized by the International Cycling Union (UCI) in collaboration with Olympic Solidarity. Singapore and Brazil have already qualified for the Games, while Bolivia hopes to obtain its ticket in the form of a “universality” spot. The thirteen males and two females are being trained in Aigle by UCI coach Sébastien Duclos and French BMX specialist Thomas Allier.

The camp provides the young athletes with endurance training while at the same time developing technical aspects, which is necessary considering that many of the participants are confronting at least one of the cycling disciplines for the first time: the female member of each team must compete in the road, mountain bike and BMX disciplines at the YOG, while their male teammates will be required to compete in the road race plus one of the two remaining disciplines.

A similar training camp will probably be organized at the WCC in 2010.

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Photo: 13 of the 15 aspiring Olympians training at the World Cycling Centre