

Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games
31 October – 13 November 2026
SF&OC Athletes Selection Criteria

(As at 27 May 2026)

Basic Requirements

Athletes should fulfill the following conditions in order to compete in the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games (YOG): -

- 1) Athletes should pass the required medical check up to demonstrate his/her fitness for competition; and
- 2) Athletes should comply with the requirements (including eligibility code, e.g. possess valid HKSAR Passport and guidelines set by Dakar 2026 YOG Organizing Committee, International Olympic Committee and SF&OC.

Athletes Selection Criteria are divided into Objective Criteria (same for each multi-sports Games) and Subjective Criteria (decided by the Selection Committee for Dakar 2026 YOG). No weighting will be set for these criteria considering that athletes shall be selected once they can fulfill any one of the criteria listed.

A) Objective Criteria

Athletes nominated by NSAs who possess the following outstanding results in previous international competitions shall automatically be selected to participate in the respective Games: -

- 1) *Ranked 1st – 8th in recent **World Junior Championships** (from 2022-2026) sanctioned by the respective IF in the same or higher level of the Games concerned;
- 2) *Ranked 1st – 8th in recent **Asian Junior Championships** (from 2022-2026) sanctioned by the respective AF in the same or higher level of the Games concerned;
- 3) *Ranked 1st – 8th in recent **multi-sports Games** owned by OCA (from 2022-2026) in the same or higher level of the Games concerned including **Hangzhou 2022 Asian Games**;
- 4) *Ranked 1st – 8th in recent **multi-sports Games** owned by OCA (from 2022-2026) in the same or higher level of the Games concerned including **Bahrain 2025 Asian Youth Games and Sanya 2026 Asian Beach Games**;
- 5) *Ranked 1st – 8th in recent **multi-sports Games** owned by EAO (from 2022-2026) in the same or higher level of the Games concerned including **Ulaanbaatar 2023 East Asian Youth Games**;
- 6) *Ranked 1st – 8th in recent **National Games / National Youth Games** organized by General Administration of Sport of China (from 2022-2026) in the same or higher

level of the Games concerned including **the 15th National Games and 1st National Student (Youth) Games;**

- 7) *Ranked 1st – 8th in recent World Games (from 2022-2026) in the same or higher level of the Games concerned including **The World Games 2022 and 2025;**
- 8) Participated in recent **Olympic Games or multi-sports Games owned by ANOC** (from 2022-2026) in the same or higher level of the Games concerned including **2023 ANOC World Beach Games and Paris 2024 Olympic Games.**

** On condition that there was a minimum of four participants in the competition(s) AND the athlete(s) ranked in the top one-third among the total number of participants.*

For team event, only if all of the athletes nominated among the team fulfilled the above shall automatically be selected. While for team only sports, only if the NSA's previous team fulfilled the above shall automatically be selected.

B) Subjective Criteria

The Selection Committee shall discuss the subjective criteria before nomination for Dakar 2026 YOG based on the goal and objective to participate in the Dakar 2026 YOG. Reason or supporting should be given for each subjective criterion.

The following factors may be considered by the Selection Committee: -

- 1) Athletes / Teams participated in any international competitions (from 2022 – 2026);
OR
- 2) Athletes receiving HKSI Elite Training Grant.

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