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Youth Olympic Competition Format

There are two events at the Breaking competition programme at Dakar 2026 Summer Youth Olympic Games: B-Girls and B-Boys. Each individual event will have 12 athletes.

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- Pre-Selection:
  - Athletes are assigned to a group by random computerised draw. There are three groups. Athletes are introduced together by group, but perform individually.
  - Each athlete's performance is scored by each judge individually on a scale from 0 to 100 (0.1 point increments). The highest and lowest judges' scores are discarded, and the remaining scores are averaged to give a final score between 0 and 100.
- Round Robin:
  - Each athlete competes in three Battles in the round robin. Their opponents are determined based on Pre-Selection ranking:
    Group A: 1, 6, 7, 12
    Group B: 2, 5, 8, 11
    Group C: 3, 4, 9, 10
  - Each Battle consists of two rounds. In all Battles, the athlete designated as "Blue" can decide whether to perform first, or to allow their opponent "Red" to perform first. The second athlete then responds.
  - Athletes are ranked by the number of rounds won and judges' votes collected and finally by Pre-Selection ranking
  - At the end of the phase, the top two ranked athletes in each group and the two Top 3rd placed athletes progress to the quarterfinals. The remaining athletes are ranked 9^{th} to 12^{th}.
- Knockout:
  - The brackets assignment happens as follows:
    Quarterfinal 1: A1 vs B3/C3
    Quarterfinal 2: B2 vs C2
    Quarterfinal 3: C1 vs A2
    Quarterfinal 4: B1 vs A3/C3
    Please note that A3 is always placed against B1. B3 is always placed against A1. C3 is placed in whichever bracket slot remains available.
  - Each knockout battle consists of three rounds. The athlete with more rounds at the end of the Battle is declared the winner.
  - In each battle, athletes are assigned to the red or blue side depending on their position in the bracket.
  - During the knockout, scores become available at the end of the Battle.
  - The athlete designated as "Blue" can decide whether to perform first, or to allow their opponent "Red" to perform first. The second athlete then responds.
  - The losing quarterfinalists are ranked 5^{th} to 8^{th} by rounds won in the knockout, votes collected in the knockout, rounds won in the round robin, votes collected in the round robin and finally by Pre-Selection ranking.
  - The losing semifinalists contest the bronze medal Battle, and the winning semifinalists contest the gold medal Battle.

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Differences Between the WDSF Youth World Championships and the Summer Youth Olympic Games

The competition format at the Summer Youth Olympic Games has fewer participants.

Changes Since Buenos Aires 2018 Summer Youth Olympic Games

The event "Mixed Team" has been removed from the programme.

Sport Rules And Procedures

Scoring

- Pre-Selection: Each athlete in the group performs individually, and is ranked based on their performance
- Round Robin and knockout: Each phase consists of Battles between two athletes. Each Battle consists of a number of rounds. In each round one athlete performs first, then the other responds.
- Each round is judged by nine judges against five criteria. The judging system produces a vote for each judge for each round in favour of one of the athletes (red or blue), with a percentage figure indicating the strength of their vote in favour of red or blue across all five criteria. The possible vote scores for each round can be 9-0, 8-1, 7-2, 6-3 or 5-4 in favour of an athlete.

Tie Break Rules

- Within a round:
  - Ties do not occur as it is not possible for the judges to score a round as a tie.
- Pre-Selection: ties are broken according to the following criteria, in order:
  - WDSF World Ranking
- Within a Battle (round robin):
  - Ties are not broken. If a Battle score is 1-1 (rounds) and 9-9 (votes), then these values are used to calculate the ranking.
- Within a Battle (Knockout):
  - Ties are not possible.

Penalties / Disqualification Rules

The penalties and disqualification procedures are governed by the WDSF rules and IOC practice.

Protests / Appeals

Disputes shall be resolved in accordance with WDSF regulations and current rules. The WDSF Jury shall decide on matters before it in accordance with WDSF regulations and the current rules.

Note:
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