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# Twenty-six International Federations submit applications for inclusion as additional events in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

**Tokyo**, **12 June 2015** – The Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee has received applications from 26 IOC-recognised International Federations (IFs) proposing events to be considered for inclusion at the Games of the XXXII Olympiad (Tokyo 2020). The applicant IFs were revealed at a press conference following a Tokyo 2020 Executive Board meeting today.

The application process for additional event(s) to be included at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games was opened on 8 May 2015, and the IOC-recognised IFs were required to return completed applications by 8 June 2015.

The Tokyo 2020 Additional Event Programme Panel will now examine each application and a shortlist will be announced on 22 June 2015. The second phase of the application process will then commence.

Review of the applications will be based on the following key principles:

- > The additional event(s) will serve as a driving force to promote the Olympic Movement and its values, with a focus on youth appeal
- > The additional event(s) will add value to the Games by engaging the Japanese population and new audiences worldwide, reflecting the Tokyo 2020 Games vision
- > The selection procedure will be open and fair

Phase II will include the submission of further details from the shortlisted IFs and a presentation to the Additional Event Programme Panel will take place in Tokyo. The Additional Event Programme Panel will propose its recommendations to the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee, which will make a final decision on the successful event(s) to be proposed to the IOC. The final decision, in line with the Olympic Charter, will be made by the 129th IOC Session in Rio in August 2016.



#### **NOTE TO EDITORS:**

#### Applicant IFs (sports alphabetical order)

- World Air Sports Federation FAI
- 2. International Federation of American Football IFAF
- 3. World Baseball Softball Confederation WBSC
- 4. World Confederation of Billiards Sports WCBS
- 5. Bowls Sports World Confederation CMSB
- 6. World Bowling WB
- 7. World Bridge Federation WBF
- 8. World Chess Federation FIDE
- 9. World DanceSport Federation WDSF
- 10. International Floorball Federation IFF
- 11. World Flying Disc Federation WFDF
- 12. World Karate Federation WKF
- 13. International Korfball Federation IKF
- 14. International Netball Federation INF
- 15. International Orienteering Federation IOF
- 16. Federation of International Polo FIP
- 17. International Racquetball Federation IRF
- 18. International Roller Sports Federation FIRS
- 19. International Federation of Sport Climbing IFSC
- 20. World Squash Federation WSF
- 21. International Sumo Federation IFS
- 22. International Surfing Association ISA
- 23. Tug of War International Federation TWIF
- 24. World Underwater Federation CMAS
- 25. International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation IWWF
- 26. International Wushu Federation IWUF

## **Application timeline:**

## Phase I

8 May 2015 Application forms sent to all IOC-recognised IFs

8 June 2015 Closing date for submission of completed applications

22 June 2015 Shortlist announcement - shortlisted IFs will be requested to submit

further details

Phase II

22 July 2015 Closing date for submission of further details

Early August 2015 Presentations in Tokyo

30 September 2015 Deadline for Tokyo 2020 to submit its final proposal to the IOC

## Composition of the Tokyo 2020 Additional Event Programme Panel:

#### Members (alphabetical order)

- Tsuyoshi AKIYAMA, Vice Governor of Tokyo
- Tsuyoshi AOKI, Vice President & Secretary General, Japanese Olympic Committee
- Tomiaki FUKUDA, President, Japan Wrestling Federation
- Fujio MITARAI (Chair of the Panel), Honorary Chairman, Japan Business Federation (Keidanren)
- Toshiro MUTO (Vice Chair of the Panel), CEO, Tokyo 2020
- Joichi OKAZAKI, Executive Managing Director, Japan Sports Association
- Atsuko TOYAMA, Former Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

## Observers (alphabetical order)

- Kimito KUBO, Director General, Sports and Youth Bureau, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)
- Koji MUROFUSHI, Sports Director, Tokyo 2020
- Naoko TAKAHASHI, Executive Board Member, Japanese Olympic Committee

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Sport has the power to change the world and our future. The Tokyo 1964 Games completely transformed Japan. The Tokyo 2020 Games, as the most innovative in history, will bring positive reform to the world by building on three core concepts: "Striving for your personal best (Achieving Personal Best)"

"Accepting one another (Unity in Diversity)"

"Passing on Legacy for the future (Connecting to Tomorrow)"

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