

Danish Athletics Youth Olympic Games Dakar 31 October – 13 November 2026

Nomination Policy

Updated on 22nd May 2026 after an extra quota slot was allocated for men's 3000m

Introduction

1. This nomination policy has been agreed by the Danish Athletics Federation management. It provides detail on the process by which Danish Athletics will arrive at nominations which will be submitted to Danmarks Idræts Forbund (DIF) for consideration for final selection for Dakar 2026. The final decision on selection to the 2026 Youth Olympic Games lies with DIF.

2. Nominations will be made by the Danish Athletics nomination panel comprising
- a) The Danish Athletics Sportschef (with casting vote)
 - b) The Danish Athletics Event Group Lead for Sprints and Hurdles (voting)
 - c) The Danish Athletics Event Group Lead for Endurance (voting)

The Chair of the Panel may also (at his/her discretion) seek assistance (in a non-voting capacity) from anyone else he/she feels may be of help.

Competition Format

3. The Olympic Youth Games 2026 will include athletics events in the following disciplines:

Men's: 800m, 3000m

Women's: 100m,

Maximum of one athlete per event

Eligibility

3. Only athletes eligible under DIF rules will be considered. Athletes must be eligible to hold a Danish passport by the date of final selection.

Athletics Nomination Criteria

4. The primary consideration in nominating any athlete for selection will be their performances and U18 rankings during the 2026 season. The qualifying period is 1 January 2026 to 13 September 2026 for all events.

The total number of places are determined by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The standards set are guidelines only. Selectors may consider athletes who are close to the standard without achieving it. Achievement of the guideline standard does not guarantee selection. 2026 form and consistency will also be considered.

Nomination Criteria (In Priority Order)

- a) 2026 performances (% of standard achieved) and world U18 ranking 2026 based on those performances.
- b) Potential to achieve a senior international career.
- c) Consistency of high-level performances
- d) 2025 performances (% of standard achieved) and World U18 ranking 2025 based on those performances.

5. Danish Athletics will send final nominations to DIF before 21/09/2026. DIF will confirm final selections shortly afterwards.

6. Danish Athletics will contact all nominated athletes following the Danish Athletics nomination meeting. The Event Group Lead will contact, by telephone, in confidence those athletes who are close to selection but not successful.

The timeline is as follows:

Action	Date & Time
Nomination meeting	Monday 14 September
Publication of nomination list/selected athletes notified	By 1600 Monday 14 September
Appeals window opens	1600hrs Monday 14 September
Appeals window closes	1800hrs Tuesday 15 September
DAF to submit nomination list to DIF	By 2300 Wednesday 16 September

Appeals process

7. Athletes who have not been nominated by the Danish Athletics nomination panel may appeal against their non nomination. This must be a written appeal (letter or email) and be submitted to and received by the Director of Danish Athletics by 1800hrs on Tuesday 15 September.

8. Athletes wishing to commence an appeal should be aware there is a DKK2000 administration fee due upon notice of appeal. The fee is refundable if the appeal is upheld. Danish Athletics will invoice parents of the athlete if the appeal is dismissed.

9. The appeal panel will consist of three representatives of Danish Athletics who were not involved in the initial selection process.

10. Appeals against non-nomination by the selection panel will only be permitted where

- a) an athlete can provide evidence that procedures had not been followed or
- b) that the panel reached a decision based on an error of fact.

Danish Athletics Nomination Criteria

The 2026 Youth Olympic Games will take place in Dakar from 31 October – 13 November 2026. DIF will send a small team to this championship hence only two places for athletics.

For avoidance of doubt, consideration for the Youth Olympic Games 2026, will be based upon guideline standards (Based on performances higher than European Athletics Standards 2026) and World U18 rankings during the qualification period from 1 January 2026 until 13 September 2026.

The size of the athletics team will be no more than three. Danish Athletics will nominate athletes and reserve athletes who show the potential to go on to achieving success as a senior athlete.

These championships are very late in the year and athletes will be expected to communicate with Danish Athletics to discuss how they will plan towards competing out of the normal season.

For more information please contact, Piotr Haczek (women's 100m), Event Group Lead for Sprints and Hurdles or Asle Rønning Tjelta (men's 800m and men's 3000m) Event Group Lead for Endurance via email or telephone.

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Eligibility Criteria

Only athletes eligible under DIF rules will be considered. Athletes must be eligible to hold a Danish passport. Athletes must be born in 2009 or 2010 (i.e. 16 or over and under 18). DIF will make the final selection from Danish Athletics nominees. Current form must be demonstrated and will be an important selection criterion. Performances must be achieved at a Danish Athletics, European Athletics or World Athletics event. Indoor performances are acceptable subject to the level of competition and officiating. Wind assisted performances will not be accepted. Hand timed performances will not be accepted.

Danish Athletics Consideration Standards

Men	Event	Women
N/A	100m	12.04
01:53.3	800m	N/A
8.28.2	3000m	N/A