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### Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 – event programme

Dear President, dear Antonio,

It is a great pleasure to inform you that at its meeting today in Lausanne, the IOC Executive Board has taken the decision to approve the following events for Karate in the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018:

Event		Number of athletes	Age group
Men's Kumite	Women's Kumite	48 athletes	16 – 17 years old
-61kg	-53kg	24 W	
-68kg	-59kg	24 M	
+68kg	+59kg		

The IOC is excited to welcome the sport of Karate and the World Karate Federation to the Youth Olympic Games programme. We truly believe that Karate will add great value in terms of youth engagement and innovation.

In terms of next steps we will need to accelerate the process for developing a fair and transparent qualification system that needs to be approved by the IOC Executive Board in February 2017. Furthermore a pack of information will be shared with you by our team to start the planning and relation with the organising committee. We will also liaise with you separately regarding the communications messages which the IOC will be announcing this evening Lausanne time.

Congratulations once again and we look forward to making the Karate events in Buenos Aires 2018 an unprecedented success.

Very best regards,

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