

2009 Olympic Sport & Literature Competition



1. BACKGROUND

- The IOC created the competition in 2001 to strengthen the link between literature and the celebration of the Olympic Games
- The competition will be organized every four years, on the proposal of the IOC Commission for Culture and Olympic Education
- The National Olympic Committee (in this case, the Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee, TTOC) will organize the competition at a National level.

2. PARTICIPANTS

The competition is open to nationals of Trinidad and Tobago in the following age categories:

- **Category 1: under 12 years old on 31st August 2009**
- **Category 2: 12 years to 18 years old on 31st August 2009**

Proof of age will be required

Deadline for receipt of entries is Friday 31st July 2009, 5.00 p.m.

3. SUBJECTS

Participants must present works with an original plot in which the framework or subject of the action is either the Olympic spirit or one of the Olympic values:

- **Excellence**
- **Friendship**
- **Respect**

For both categories, all entries must be a 1000 – 1500 word essay, a maximum four (4) A4 size pages) width 21cm – height 29.5cm) on one of the above themes.

All submitted essays must be typed, not hand written. A minimum font size of ten (10) Arial will be accepted with line spacing 1.5 .

Essays must be written in English and be accompanied by a recent electronic full body photograph (preferably in school uniform).

4. RESTRICTIONS

Each candidate may enter only one manuscript for each category. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification.

Members of the panel of judges, immediate relatives of the Executive of the Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee and direct associates are not allowed to enter the competition.

5. SELECTION PROCESS

All manuscripts received by the deadline date will be analyzed by a panel established by the TTOC.

6. PRIZES

The first prizewinners will receive a special IOC trophy and certificate. This will be presented at a date and location determined by the TTOC. Winners and Principals will be notified in due course of arrangements.

The second and third place authors shall be awarded special IOC certificates through their NOC.

7. COPYRIGHTS

By submitting entries to the Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee and subsequently to the IOC, participants shall have granted the IOC authority to publish their work and use their names and surnames, their photographs and personal addresses in the promotion and publicity, or any other event surrounding the competition.

8. CANCELLATION

Should circumstances require, the IOC reserves the right to alter the timetable of the competition or cancel it altogether without incurring any liability on its part.