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**Story Headline: Jiyoo Kim claims Short Track Speed Skating 1000m gold for Republic of Korea at Lillehammer 2016**

Event: Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games

Date: 14 February

Place: Gjøvik, Norway

### **STORY SCRIPT**

Republic of Korea's Jiyoo Kim has won gold in the Ladies' Short Track Speed Skating 1000m at the Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games.

The 16-year-old finished first in both the quarter-final and semi-final before claiming top spot on the podium with a time of 1:34.041, narrowly beating compatriot Suyoun Lee (1:34.118) to the gold medal.

Anna Seidel, of Germany, collected bronze with a time of 1:34.323.

In total, 1100 athletes from 71 nations are competing at the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in Lillehammer Norway for a total of 70 Gold medals.

The 2nd Winter YOG is taking place between Friday 12<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of February 2016.

### **Short Track Speed Skating explained.**

**Age group: Born between 1 January 1998 and 31 December 2000.**

**Number of Athletes: 16**

**Venue: Gjøvik Olympic Cavern Hall**

### **Ladies' 1000m**



The event is organised in several rounds. Each round of the competition consists of several races. The two best from each race qualify for the next round.

The first round of competition is the quarter-finals, which is made up of four heats, each with four skaters. In the quarter-finals, the first and second placed skaters from each race qualify for semi-finals A/B, while the third and fourth placed skaters from each race qualify for semi-finals C/D. The same format will be used to qualify for the finals:

- The first and second placed skaters from semi-finals A/B qualify for Final A
- The third and fourth placed skaters from semi-finals A/B qualify for Final B
- The first and second placed skaters from semi-finals C/D qualify for Final C
- The third and fourth placed skaters from semi-finals C/D qualify for Final D

### **What are the YOG?**

The Youth Olympic Games are essentially about competing, learning and sharing. They are a celebration of sport, youth diversity and the Olympic values of excellence, friendship and respect. They also exemplify the Fundamental Principles of Olympism, blending sport with culture and education. The vision of the Youth Olympic Games is to inspire young people around the world to participate in sport and live by the Olympic values.

### **YOG Key Facts**

- Hosted from 12 to 21 February 2016 in Lillehammer, Hamar, Gjøvik, Øyer and Oslo — demonstrating the use of a fantastic legacy of Olympic venues and the flexibility of the YOG.
- 71 NOCs and 1,100 athletes aged 15 to 18 will compete in 70 medal events at Lillehammer 2016.
- Lillehammer 2016 is the second winter edition of the YOG following Innsbruck 2012. The first summer edition took place in Singapore in 2010, followed by Nanjing in 2014.
- The YOG have been used as an incubator for innovation in sport and education. Lillehammer 2016 will feature Olympic debuts for a number of disciplines, including cross-country cross, snowboard cross, ski slopestyle, biathlon super sprint and monobob.
- With regard to education, the Coaches' Corner will be a pioneering YOG first in Lillehammer, featuring dedicated workshops and talks by experts and Virtual Reality (VR) technology to explore and explain how new advances in technology can be applied to the science of coaching.



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- The YOG have acted as a springboard to further Olympic glory for many alumni. Some 64 YOG athletes from Innsbruck 2012, for example, went on to compete at the Olympic Winter Games Sochi 2014, winning 6 medals in total. In addition, 200 YOG alumni from Singapore 2010 competed at London 2012, of whom 25 medalled.  
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