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Story Headline: Ladies' Snowboard Cross gold won by France's Manon Petit at Lillehammer 2016

Event: Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games

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Place: Hafjell, Norway

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France's Manon Petit has won gold in the Ladies' Snowboard Cross at the Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games.

The 17-year-old, who made her debut in 2006, finished first in all of her runs throughout qualification, group heats, the semi-final and final.

A points tally of 130.00 saw the Les Carroz Ski Club member take gold ahead of Switzerland's Sophie Hediger (104.00) and Caterina Carpano of Italy (78.00).

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 12th & Sunday 21st of February 2016.

Snowboard Cross explained.

Age Group: Born between 1 January 1998 - 31 December 1999

Number of Athletes: 40

Venue: Hafjell Alpine Centre

Ladies' Snowboard Cross

The event consists of qualification and finals (finals consisting of group heats, semi-finals, the small final and big final.)



The specially designed cross course is set up on a natural terrain with artificial features including turns, roller sections, jumps and banked turns.

In the qualification, the competitors take one or two timed runs, and the best of the two runs counts. The top 16 ranked competitors go through to the finals. In the finals, competitors are divided into group heats of four competitors. There are 20 group heats in the “round robin” format. All competitors eventually compete against each other and, based upon the ranking of each heat, are awarded points (1st=4 pts, 2nd=3 pts, 3rd=2 pts, 4th=1 pt.). After the group heats, the top eight ranked competitors advance to the semifinals. The top two ranked competitors from each advance to the big final, while the remaining competitors move to the small final.

The top three competitors in the big final are awarded YOG medals, the remaining competitors are ranked according to results of the qualification and semi-final.

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.
- 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



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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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