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Story Headline: Republic of Korea's Ji Woo Park wins Ladies' Speed Skating 1500m gold at Lillehammer 2016

Event: Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games

Date: 15 February

Place: Hamar, Norway

STORY SCRIPT

Ji Woo Park of the Republic of Korea has won gold in the Ladies' Speed Skating 1500m at the Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games.

The 17-year-old, who currently leads the Speed Skating Junior World Cup after three events, crossed the line with a time of 2:03.53.

Park finished ahead of People's Republic of China's Mei Han (2:04.48) and Noemi Bonazza of Italy (2:05.49).

The first place finish for Park is the Republic of Korea's fifth gold medal in both the Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating events.

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.

Speed Skating explained.

Age Group: Born between 1 January 1998 and 31 December 2000

Number of Athletes: 28

Venue: Hamar Olympic Hall Viking Ship

Ladies' 1500m

The event is organised in a single race format.



Skaters compete in pairs. One starts in the inner lane while the other starts in the outer lane. The skaters change lanes at the crossing straight (opposite to the finishing straight) after every lap.

The skater with the best time wins the competition; there is no elimination phase.

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 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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