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Story Headline: Russian duo Ekaterina Borisova and Dmitry Sopot win Figure Skating Pairs Free Skating gold at Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games

Event: Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games

Date: 15 February

Place: Hamar, Norway

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Russian pair Ekaterina Borisova and Dmitry Sopot have won gold in the Figure Skating Pairs Free Skating at the Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games.

The 16 and 17-year-olds respectively were second after the Short Program, but scored 107.86 in the Free Skating to claim gold with a final score of 168.66.

Czech Republic pair Anna Duskova and Martin Bidar took silver (1:66.13) ahead of the other Russian pairing of Alina Ustimkina and Nikita Volodin (152.77).

Success in Lillehammer for Borisova and Sopot builds on their Junior Grand Prix Final gold earlier in the 2015-16 season.

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 22nd of February 2016.

Figure Scating explained.



Age Group: (Pairs) Men born between 1 January 1997 and 31 December 2000 and women born between 1 January 1999 and 31

Number of Athletes: 76

Venue: Hamar Olympic Amphitheatre

Pairs

The Pairs event consists of the Short Programme and Free Skating.

Pairs skating is the skating of two persons in unison who perform their movements in harmony with each other. All elements are to be linked together by connecting steps of a different nature and by other comparable Free Skating movements, together with a variety of positions and holds, while fully utilizing the entire ice surface.

The Short Programme for Pairs consists of seven required elements, such as jumps, spins, lifts, throw jumps, death spirals and other linking movement. The sequence of the elements is optional;

Free Skating for Pairs consists of a well- balanced programme containing 11 elements including spins, throw jumps, lifts, death spirals, step sequences and other linking movements all composed and skated to music of the pair's own choice for a specified period of time.

The Technical Specialist identifies the elements the skater is performing in real time and the level of difficulty of the element, if applicable. The Judges focus entirely on scoring the quality of each element and the quality of the Programme Components. Their marks will be based on specific quality criteria for each element and will provide a comprehensive assessment of each skater's skills and performance. The scores of the Short Programme and Free Skating are added and the result constitutes the final score of a couple. The couple with the highest total score wins.

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



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- 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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