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Story Headline: **Ema Klinec from Slovenia wins Ladies' Ski Jumping gold at Lillehammer 2016**

Event: Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games
Date: 16 February
Place: Lillehammer, Norway

**STORY SCRIPT**

Slovenia’s Ema Klinec has won gold in the Ladies’ Ski Jumping at the Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games.

The 17-year-old, who trains as part of SSK Alpina Ziri in Slovakia, claimed gold with a points score of 249.3, ahead of Russian Sofia Tikhonova (237.6) and Lara Malsiner of Italy (231.6).

YOG gold is Klinec’s first top of the podium finish since finishing in first place at the Continental Cup in Oberwiesenthal, Germany in August 2015.

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.

**Ski Jumping explained.**

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

**Quota:** 20

**Venue:** Lysgårdsbakkene Ski Jumping Arena

**Ladies’ Individual**

The competition takes place on the normal hill and consist of a trial round and two scored rounds (first and final).
The overall score in Ski Jumping is the sum of points from the two competition rounds (first and final round). The total number of points for one round is calculated as the sum of:
- Points for jumping distance (metres converted to distance points)
- Points for jumping performance (style points awarded by the jumping judges)
- Points for in-run length difference (metres converted to gate compensation points)
- Points for tangential wind speed and direction (metres per second converted to wind compensation points)

The athlete with the most point 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**
- 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.
- The YOG have been used 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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