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**Story Headline: Canada win Curling gold in the Mixed Team event at Lillehammer 2016**

Event: Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games

Date: 17 February

Place: Lillehammer, Norway

### **STORY SCRIPT**

The Curling Mixed Team event has been won by Canada at the Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games.

The Canadian team of Mary Fay, Tyler Tardi, Karlee Burgess and Sterling Middleton overcame The United States of America (Luc Violette, Cora Farrell, Ben Richardson and Cait Flannery) 10:4 in the final.

Victory secured Canada's third gold medal of Lillehammer 2016, with the Curling Mixed Team winning all 10 of their fixtures throughout the event.

Fay arrived in Lillehammer a week after winning the Canadian Junior Championship, and was the only woman to skip a Mixed Curling Team at Lillehammer 2016.

Gold in Norway improves their bronze medal finish from the Innsbruck 2012 YOG.

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.

**Curling explained.**



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**Age Group:** Born between 1 January 1998 and 31 December 2001

**Quota:** 64

**Venue:** Stampesletta Ice Venues

### **Mixed Team**

Each NOC team consists of two females and two males.

The teams will be divided into two round robin groups of eight teams. All teams will play each other within a group. The top four teams from each group will play in cross-over quarter-finals, followed by semi-finals, and bronze and gold medal games. After the round robin, the event is played in a direct elimination format. The winner of each game advances to the next round. Losers in the quarter-finals are eliminated

In the Mixed Team Competition, a game is made up of eight ends. An end consists of each of the four team members playing two stones alternately with the opponent's stones (for a total of eight stones per team). When all stones have been delivered, the score for that end is determined. A 3.66-metre (12-foot) circle is the scoring area. Within this scoring area, for each stone closer to the centre of the circles than any of the opponent's, one point is scored. The team scoring plays first in the next end, giving the opponents the last stone of that end.

The team with the most points after the eight ends is the winner.

### **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.



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- 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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