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Story Headline: Switzerland's Aline Danioth becomes first Winter Youth Olympic Games athlete to win four Alpine Skiing medals with gold in the Ladies' Alpine Skiing Slalom

Event: Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games

Date: 18 February

Place: Hafjell, Norway

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Aline Danioth, of Switzerland, has become the first athlete to win four medals from the Winter Youth Olympic Games Alpine Skiing events after winning gold in the Ladies' Slalom at Lillehammer 2016.

The 17-year-old's fourth podium finish comes after winning gold in the Ladies' Alpine Combined and bronze medals in both the Ladies' Super-G and Giant Slalom.

Danioth, from Skiclub Gotthard Andermatt, has created a sense of déjà vu after Swiss skier Vreni Schneider won gold, silver and bronze medals in the Alpine Skiing events at the 1994 Lillehammer Winter Olympic Games 22 years ago.

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.

Alpine Skiing explained.

Age group: Born between 1 January 1998 and 31 December 1999

Quota: 55

Venue: Hafjell Alpine Centre



Ladies' Slalom

Slalom courses consist of a series of gates, formed by alternating pairs of red and blue poles. The skier must pass between the two poles forming the gate, with the tips of both skis and the skier's feet passing between the poles. Slalom events are referred to as technical events in Alpine Skiing, as the courses have more gates, and hence more turns.

Both events are made up of two runs on two different courses on the same slope. The competitor with the fastest combined time 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.
 - 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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