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Story Headline: Slovenia continue Ski Jumping success with gold in the Mixed Team event at Lillehammer 2016

Event: Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games
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STORY SCRIPT
Slovenia have continued their Ski Jumping success at the Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games with gold in the Mixed Team event.

The trio of Ema Klinec, Vid Vrhovnik and Bor Pavlovcic together accumulated a total points score of 709.5 to finish ahead of Germany’s Agnes Reisch, Tim Kopp and Jonathan Siegel (675.5) and Austria’s Julia Huber, Florian Dagn and Clemens Leitner (666.7) in third.

Mixed Team gold is the second top of the podium finish for Klinec and Pavlovcic after winning the Ladies’ and Men’s Ski Jumping events respectively.

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: 45
Venue: Lysgårdsbakkene Ski Jumping Arena

Mixed Team
The competition takes place on the normal hill and consists of a trial round and two scored rounds (first and final). Participation in the trial round is not mandatory.

Twenty team are expected to participate in the event. Teams are composed of one male ski jumper, one female ski jumper and one male Nordic combined athlete, all of whom have already qualified.

In the team competition there are three groups for both the trial round and the two competition rounds. One competitor from each team is entered per group. Female competitors from Ski Jumping start in the first group, then male competitors from Nordic Combined in the second group and then male competitors from Ski Jumping in the third group. After the first round, only the top eight teams will continue to the final round. During the final round, the last group will start in reverse order of the team's rank after the second group.

The overall score in Ski Jumping is the sum of points from the two competition rounds (first and final).

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 team with the most combined points 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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