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**Story Headline: The United States of America complete Snowboard Slopestyle domination at Lillehammer 2016 with Jake Pates claiming gold in the Men's event**

Event: Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games  
Date: 19 February  
Place: Hafjell, Norway

### **STORY SCRIPT**

The United States of America has dominated the Snowboard Slopestyle at Lillehammer 2016 with Jake Pates claiming gold in the Men's event.

Earlier on Friday, Team USA's Chloe Kim finished first in the Ladies' event.

Pates, who also won gold in the Men's Snowboard halfpipe last week, produced a best score of 94.75 to finish ahead of the Russian Federation's Vlad Khadarin (90.25) and Rene Rinnekangas of Finland (87.75).

From Eagle, Colorado, Pates got started riding at the age of eight and shortly after started training with Ski & Snowboard Club Vail before earning a spot on the U.S. Rookie Team in 2014.

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.

**Snowboard Slopestyle explained.**

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

**Quota: 40**



**Venue: Hafjell Alpine Centre**

### **Men's Slopestyle**

The Slopestyle competition is a judged sport. The competition is held on a course with a variety of hits, jumps, rails, tables, big-air, etc. with two or more lines that the competitors may choose to perform.

The Slopestyle competitions consist of a single phase (i.e. final). The results are calculated on the best of three runs. The competitors will be judged on a combination of amplitude, technical difficulty, creativity and landings.

### **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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