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Story Headline: Four nations come together at Lillehammer 2016 to win Short Track Speed Skating Mixed NOC Team Relay gold

Event: Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games

Date: 20 February

Place: Gjøvik, Norway

STORY SCRIPT

Athletes from four NOC's have combined to win gold in the Short Track Speed Skating Mixed NOC Team Relay at Lillehammer 2016.

Norway's Ane By Farstad, Republic of Korea's Jiyoo Kim, Belgium's Stijn Desmet and Quentin Fercoq of France crossed the line in 4:14.413 to claim gold.

Kim collects her second gold medal of Lillehammer 2016 after winning the Ladies' Short Track Speed Skating 1000m title last week.

A quartet of Petra Jaszapati (Hungary), Julia Moore (Australia), Tjerk De Boer (the Netherlands) and Kiichi Shigehiro (Japan) claimed silver in a time of 4:14.495 ahead of Katrin Manoilova (Bulgaria), Anita Nagay (Kazakhstan), Karlis Kruzbergs (Latvia) and Japan's Kazuki Yoshinaga in bronze.

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.

Short Track Speed Skating explained.

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

Quota: 32



Venue: Gjøvik Olympic Cavern Hall

Mixed NOC Team Relay

Eight teams are expected to participate in the Mixed NOC Team Relay. Each team is composed of two men and two women from different NOCs.

The distance for the Mixed NOC Team Relay is 3000m, and the sequence of skating shall be woman, man, woman, man.

The first round of competition is the semi-finals with two races, each with four teams. The first and second placed teams in the semi-finals will qualify for Final A while the third and fourth placed teams qualify for Final B.

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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