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**Story Headline: Last gold medal of Lillehammer 2016 won by the United States of America in the Men's Ice Hockey**

Event: Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games

Date: 21 February

Place: Lillehammer, Norway

### **STORY SCRIPT**

The United States of America have won the final gold medal of the Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games in the Men's Ice Hockey.

Success in Lillehammer is the first time Team USA have finished on the podium in a YOG ice hockey event, as they secured victory with a 5-2 win against Canada.

Having lost to Canada in the Preliminary Round, goals from TJ Walsh, Jack Deboer, Christian Krygier, Tyler Weiss and Jake Wise were enough to counter efforts from Canada's Ryan Merkley and Allan McShane.

Team USA collected the 70<sup>th</sup> and final gold medal of Lillehammer 2016, ending 10 days of competition.

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.

#### **Ice Hockey explained.**

**Age Group:** Born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2001

**Quota:** 100

**Venues:** Stampsletta Ice Venues



### **Men's Tournament**

The event consists of five teams, where teams are made up of 17 athletes (15 players and two goalkeepers). Five players and one goalkeeper in each team are on the ice. A game consists of three 15-minute periods followed by the Penalty-Shot Shootout Procedure, if the teams remain tied.

The Men's Tournaments is made up of the preliminary round, the semi-finals and the finals. The preliminary round consists of one group of five teams in which all teams play against each other once (total of 10 games). The top four ranked teams in the tournament qualify for the semi-finals. The semi-finals consist of two games. The winners play in the gold medal game and the losers play in the bronze medal game.

### **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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