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FUTURE GAMES SPORTS PROGRAMMES FULL OF PASSION AND EXCITEMENT

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD (EB) OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (IOC) TODAY APPROVED AN INNOVATIVE EVENT PROGRAMME FOR THE OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES BEIJING 2022 THAT INCLUDES THE HIGHEST REPRESENTATION OF FEMALE ATHLETES AT AN OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES EDITION TO DATE, WHILE REDUCING THE ATHLETE QUOTA BELOW THE MAXIMUM NUMBER SPECIFIED IN THE OLYMPIC CHARTER.

The programme features the addition of signature new events with monobob and freestyle ski big air, as well as dynamic mixed team formats including short track mixed relay, a ski jumping mixed team event, mixed gender team aerials and a snowboard cross mixed team event.

IOC Sports Director Kit McConnell said: "The addition of these new events for Beijing 2022 reflects our continued commitment to make the Olympic Games programmes more youthful and gender balanced. I am very pleased to see the increase of female athletes, especially in such exciting, ground-breaking events. At the same time, we are sending a message that the size of the Olympic Winter Games is being directly addressed."

In addition to creating a youth-oriented programme, it is also a significant step towards achieving the 50 per cent gender balance at the Olympic Winter Games for both athletes and events, which is a clear objective of [Olympic Agenda 2020](#). Beijing 2022 will see more female athletes and women's events than any other Olympic Winter Games, with female quota positions increasing from 41 per cent to 45.44 per cent.

With this decision, Skating joins the International Federations of Biathlon and Curling in reaching gender equality on their Olympic programmes, while the Bobsleigh and Skeleton, Hockey, Luge and Ski federations have all increased female participation.

The disciplines of skeleton, speed skating, Alpine skiing, cross country, freestyle and snowboard will all move to gender balance for the first time.

The overall number of athletes has been reduced by 41 to reach 2,892, which is within the Olympic Charter framework. With no new venues or fields of play needed for the new events, the programme aligns with recommendations set out in Olympic Agenda 2020 and is another step to reducing the overall size of the Games.

[The full programme of the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 is available here.](#)



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