The International Olympic Committee (IOC) OFFERS THE FOLLOWING VIDEO NEWS RELEASE TO ALL NEWS AGENCIES, BROADCASTERS AND ALL ONLINE PLATFORMS FREE OF CHARGE

STORY HEADLINE: ITALY DOMINATE WINDSURFING WITH GOLD IN WOMEN’S AND SILVER IN MEN’S EVENT AT YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018. GREECE’S KALPOGIANNAKIS TAKES GOLD IN MEN’S EVENT

DATE: 12 October, 2018
LOCATION: Buenos Aires, Argentina
LANGUAGE: English, Greek, Italian

Broadcast quality footage available at the IOC Newsroom: http://iocnewsroom.com

STORY SCRIPT:

Italy’s Giorgia Speciale has added Youth Olympic Gold to her six World Junior titles and six European titles after victory in the women’s Techno 293+ class in Buenos Aires 2018.

She dominated the six days of competition from start to finish and knew only a disaster would prevent her claiming Gold in the final race. Manon Pianazza of France and Russia’s Yana Reznikova joined her on the podium.

Italy were denied double gold by Greece’s Alexandros Kalpogiannakis who won the men’s Techno 293+ class, ahead of Italy’s Nicolo Renna and Finn Hawkins of Great Britain.

Kalpogiannakis dominated the event all week and went into the final race with a healthy lead over the field. Battling the light winds at Club Nautico San Isidro, he finished the final race of the week in seventh, but that was more than enough for him to top the podium.

Buenos Aires 2018 is the third edition of the Summer Youth Olympic Games (YOG) to be held, bringing together the world’s best young athletes between the ages of 15 and 18. For the first time in Olympic history the Games will have gender equality, with equal numbers of males and females competing in the 32-sport programme.

Almost 4,000 athletes from 206 National Olympic Committees will be competing for 1,250 medals. The Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 feature new sports and many new disciplines and events, reflecting the passions of the ‘Game Changers’, a new generation of athletes and fans.

The event offers a glimpse into the future of the Games as the new programme will introduce several innovations that will be replicated at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.
The first Summer Youth Olympic Games took place in Singapore in 2010. The second edition was held in the Chinese city of Nanjing in 2014.

SHOTLIST:

00:02 Multiple shots of Greece’s Alexandros Kalpogiannakis who was crowned Men’s Techno 293+ class Champion during action
00:34 Wide shot of Greece’s champion at the end of the contest
00:39 Multiple shots of Alexandros Kalpogiannakis celebrating
00:51 Shot of the winner being awarded his gold medal
00:59 Close shot of Alexandros Kalpogiannakis
01:03 Wide shot of the medalists posing for a photo
01:10 Close shot of the medalists posing for a photo

01:14 SOUND BITE: Alexandros Kalpogiannakis, Men’s Techno 293+ class Champion (Greek Language)

“Είμαι πολύ χαρούμενος που κέρδισα το χρυσό μετάλλιο και πολύ περήφανος που εκπροσωπώ τη χώρα μου. Είναι κόπος δύο χρόνων αυτό το μετάλλιο, το ήθελα πάρα πολύ και είμαι πολύ χαρούμενος που έγινε πραγματικότητα.”

I am very happy to have won the gold medal and I am very proud to represent my country. This medal is the result of a two-year effort, I wanted it very much and I'm very happy I won it.

01:32 Multiple shots of Italy’s Giorgia Speciale who was crowned Women’s Techno 293+ class Champion during action
02:08 Multiple shots of Giorgia Speciale celebrating at the end of the contest
02:29 Shots of the winner being awarded her gold medal
02:37 Shot of the medalists posing for a photo

02:40 SOUND BITE: Giorgia Speciale, Women’s Techno 293+ class Champion (Italian Language)

“It's been a beautiful emotion, we worked out a lot for this medal. It's been fantastic.

02:46 Shot of the Italian Women’s Techno 293+ class Champion celebrating

02:50 SOUND BITE: Giorgia Speciale, Women’s Techno 293+ class Champion (Italian Language)

“Abbiamo lavorato tantissimo, abbiamo fatto un sacco di raduni e allenamenti collegiali per arrivare qui in questo giorno.”

We had many group training and gym workout. We worked very hard to be here today.

-- ENDS --

Copyrights:
© IOC-VNRs are for bona fide news reporting purposes only and all rights required for their production have been cleared. Terms and Conditions of the IOC Newsroom and Olympic.org apply. This IOC-VNR shall be used in accordance with the News Access Rules for Buenos Aires 2018 available [here](#), in particular in respect to the Amount of YOG Content, Amount per News Programme, Airing after broadcast by RHBs only, Duration of Use, No use of Olympic Properties, No Commercial Association, On-screen Courtesy Credit (“Courtesy of The International Olympic Committee”), Infringements & Monitoring, etc.

For more information, please contact the IOC Media Relations Team: Tel: +41 21 621 6000, email: pressoffice@olympic.org, or visit our web site at [www.olympic.org](http://www.olympic.org).