France and Norway share Gold in Men’s Alpine Combined Slalom. Austria take Gold in Women’s Alpine Combined Slalom at Lausanne 2020

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French skier August Aulnette and his Norwegian rival Mikkel Remsoey shared Gold in a fiercely competitive Men’s Alpine Combined Slalom in the winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) Lausanne 2020.

Remsoey had a slight advantage after the Super-G (Super Giant Slalom) discipline over Aulnette. Both needed to catch up the pre-race favourite Adam Hofstedt of Sweden in the second and final discipline, Slalom.

Aulnette ensured a dead heat with Remsoey, both finishing on a combined time of 1:28.41. Hofstedt failed to overhaul them, forced to settle for bronze.

Austria’s Amanda Salzgeber enjoyed a clear cut victory in the women’s Alpine Individual Combined Slalom. Salzgeber won gold more than twenty years after her mother, Anita Wachter, won the Women’s Alpine Combined at the Olympic Winter Games, Calgary 1988.

The 17-year-old from the Ski Club Montafon finished almost a second clear of her nearest rival, Israel’s Noa Szollos to win Gold. It was the sixteen year old’s second medal of the games after winning bronze in the Women’s Super-G.

Switzerland’s Amelie Klopfenstein, who was not even in the Swiss squad a week ago but was called up because of injury, added to the gold she took in Super-G with bronze.

Alpine Combined skiing consists of two runs - a Super-G and Slalom - and the competitor with the fastest combined time wins.

The fastest 30 from the Super G compete in the slalom by starting in reversed order, while the other competitors start as per their Super G ranking.
Lausanne 2020 is the third edition of the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG), bringing together the world’s best young athletes between the ages of 15 and 18. For the first time in Winter Olympic history the Games will have gender equality, with equal numbers of male and female competitors in the 81 medal events.

1,872 athletes from 79 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) will be in action in Lausanne, 12 of those NOCs for the first time at a Youth Olympic Games - Albania, Azerbaijan, Ecuador, Haiti, Hong Kong (China), Kosovo, Pakistan, Qatar, Singapore, Thailand, Turkmenistan and Trinidad & Tobago.

As well as the brand new sport of Ski Mountaineering, Lausanne 2020 features five new events, Women’s Nordic Combined, Individual Normal Hill/4km, Women’s Doubles Luge, Ice Hockey Mixed NOC 3x3 Tournament, Freeski Big Air, Snowboard Big Air.

The first Winter Youth Olympic Games took place in Innsbruck in 2012. The second edition was held in the Norwegian city of Lillehammer in 2016.

SHOTLIST:

00:05 Mikkel Remsoey finishes slalom run in the Alpine Combined to claim joint-Gold
00:16 Auguste Aulnette finishes slalom run in the Alpine Combined to claim joint-Gold
00:34 Athletes move to podium for mascot ceremony
01:00 Mikkel Remsoey, Auguste Aulnette and bronze medallist Adam Hofstedt on podium
01:10 Mikkel Remsoey and Auguste Aulnette receive their gold medals at Lausanne Medal Plaza

01:32 SOUNDBITE: Auguste Aulnette, France, Gold Medallist Men’s Alpine Combined Slalom (French Language).
“It all happened very quickly. I don’t know, this is indescribable.”

01:40 Auguste Aulnette showing off his gold medal on podium

01:43 SOUNDBITE: Auguste Aulnette, France, Gold Medallist Men’s Alpine Combined Slalom (French Language).
“Mentally, today I didn’t have too many expectations. It was just about giving it my all and not having any regrets. So mentally I went into the race relaxed, but it’s not easy every day.”

01:58 Athletes on podium

02:15 SOUNDBITE: Auguste Aulnette, France, Gold Medallist Men’s Alpine Combined Slalom (French Language).
“There are a lot of people following the Youth Olympic Games. There’s a lot of people supporting me and I know it. I am very very happy, also for them too, it’s a reward.”

02:26 Athletes on podium

02:35 SOUNDBITE: Mikkel Remsoey, Norway, Gold Medallist Men’s Alpine Combined Slalom (Norwegian Language).
"It was crazy, I came down and I just felt that this round would be enough, that it was a good round.

02:48 Mikkel Remsoey on podium

**02:53 SOUNDbite: Mikkel Remsoey, Norway, Gold Medallist Men’s Alpine Combined Slalom (Norwegian Language).**
“When I cross the finish line and I see that the number “1” is next to my name.”

02:58 Athletes on podium ahead as flags are raised

++++WOMEN’S ALPINE COMBINED++++

03:11 Amanda Salzgeber finishing her Slalom run in Alpine Combined to win Gold medal
03:31 Close up Amanda Salzgeber receiving mascot
03:43 Salzgeber on podium with silver medallist Noa Szollos and bronze medallist Amelie Klopfenstein
03:47 Various Amanda Salzgeber receiving gold medal and anthems at Lausanne Medal Plaza

**04:14 SOUNDbite: Amanda Salzgeber, Austria, Gold Medallist Women’s Alpine Combined Slalom (German Language).**
“I am lost for words, it’s so cool to have the gold medal, to be on the podium in front of all these people, I’m really glad that I did my run like I knew I could.”

04:33 Medal winners on the podium

**04:37 SOUNDbite: Amanda Salzgeber, Austria, Gold Medallist Women’s Alpine Combined Slalom (German Language).**
“I felt really well even in the morning when we did the warm up runs and at the first gates I already felt I had to push, push, push and I am really glad it worked out.”

04:55 Athletes on the podium

**05:02 SOUNDbite: Amanda Salzgeber, Austria, Gold Medallist Women’s Alpine Combined Slalom (German Language).**
“I had the impression that my advance (up the leaderboard) could work out but I knew there were so many good slalom skiers still up there. I am really glad that it worked out like that.”

05:13 Amanda Salzgeber with Austrian flag

**05:17 SOUNDbite: Amanda Salzgeber, Austria, Gold Medallist Women’s Alpine Combined Slalom (English Language).**
“My mum has a gold medal in Alpine Combined too, so it’s great to feel like my mum and, yeah, great.”

05:31 CALGARY WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES 1988 Anita Wachter, Amanda Salzgeber’s mother, wins Alpine Combined Gold medal
05:49 Anita Wachter receives gold medal

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