Switzerland’s Amelie Klopfenstein wins her second gold medal of Winter Youth Olympics, Lausanne 2020

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Swiss skier Amelie Klopfenstein has picked up her second gold medal at the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) Lausanne 2020, winning in the Women’s Alpine Giant Slalom.

It follows up her victory in the Women’s Alpine Super-G on the opening day of competition of the Games.

The 17-year-old finished 5th on her opening run, struggling to win a medal of any colour. But she put in a superb second and final run to see off her rivals, finishing overall in 2:08.68.

She finished 0.14 seconds faster than Finland’s Rosa Pohjolainen, who clocked the fastest time in the opening run.

Austria’s Amanda Salzgeber, gold medallist in the Women’s Combined Slalom, won bronze.

Klopfenstein only got her place on the Swiss team due to an injury to her close friend Delphine Darbellay a couple of weeks ago.

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 Various shots of Amelie Klopfenstein in the Women’s Slalom final
00:43 Klopfenstein celebrates her run
00:45 Klopfenstein is congratulated on her win
00:52 Klopfenstein steps onto the podium to receive her mascot
00:57 Close up of Klopfenstein on the podium
01:04 Close up of the Women’s Giant Slalom medalists

01:09 SOUNDBITE: Amelie Klopfenstein, Switzerland. Gold Medallist, Women’s Giant Slalom (French Language).
“This was not an easy race. It was rather long so I had to give it my all and I wasn’t really nervous, clearly before each start there is an adrenaline rush but the most important thing is to be relaxed at the start and this is what I’ve tried to do.”

01:31 Slow motion of Klopfenstein on the course

01:34 SOUNDBITE: Amelie Klopfenstein, Switzerland. Gold Medallist, Women’s Giant Slalom (French Language).
“It’s beautiful to see the public, even more so in Switzerland, it’s just incredible to see my family and friends, all here, it’s really a beautiful moment, unforgettable even.”

01:47 Klopfenstein after her run

01:49 SOUNDBITE: Amelie Klopfenstein, Switzerland. Gold Medallist, Women’s Giant Slalom (French Language).
“Clearly, even I find it… I don’t know, it’s pretty incredible. My story is… I wasn’t supposed to be here today to race and to win two races and get a bronze medal is unreal.”

02:07 Shots from the Women’s Giant Slalom podium

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