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STORY HEADLINE: Russia’s Alena Mokhova wins her second gold medal of Lausanne 2020 with victory in Women’s Biathlon 6km sprint

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STORY SCRIPT:

Russian biathlete Alena Mokhova has won her second gold medal at the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) Lausanne 2020.

Mokhova enjoyed a close battle from the start with her compatriot Anastasiia Zenova for victory but always held the edge over her opponent, not with the rifle but over the skiing stages.

Both Russians were perfect shooting from the prone position, and both missed one target in the standing round.

Mokhova took gold in a time of 18:55.40, just 1.9 seconds ahead of Zenova. Austria’s Anna Andexer won bronze.

Lausanne 2020 is the third edition of the Winter 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, 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, Mixed NOC 3x3 Ice Hockey, Freeski Big Air, Snowboard Big Air.

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

00:05 Russian biathlete and Gold medallist in Women's Biathlon 6km sprint Alena Mokhova (number 15) on start line
00:13 Alena Mokhova on course
00:28 Alena Mokhova crosses the finish line and falls
00:45 Alena Mokhova at the mascot ceremony

01:00 SOUNDbite: Alena Mokhova, Russian biathlete and Gold medallist in Women's Biathlon 6km sprint (Russian Language).

“I didn’t have any thoughts. I was preparing for it like it was my first race. I didn’t think that I already had a gold medal. I started like it was my first race. During my first lap I felt that it would be hard because my adjustment fire was not great. I had to push hard until the end today.”

01:26 Alena Mokhova stands up after she crossed the finish line

01:35 SOUNDbite: Alena Mokhova, Russian biathlete and Gold medallist in Women's Biathlon 6km sprint (Russian Language).

“Today I was worried until the last participant crossed the finish line because Nastya [Anastasiia] Zenova, my teammate, came in second place. It was such a joy for me that Russia today proves that we can and we are the best. I was worried, of course, that if something happened then Nastya could lose her place because the girl from Austria was going very well, too. I didn’t worry about my finish because I knew that even if Nastya finished first I would be second. I didn’t worry, I was very happy for our team today.”

02:28 Various shots of medal ceremony Women’s Biathlon Sprint at Lausanne Medal Ceremony Plaza

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