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STORY HEADLINE: Home victory for Switzerland as Siri Wigger wins Gold in Women's Cross-Country Free Final, Lausanne 2020

LOCATION: Vallée de Joux Cross-Country Centre, Switzerland

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LANGUAGE: Swiss-German

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STORY SCRIPT:

A blanket finish in the Women's Cross-Country Free Final at the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) resulted in home favourite Siri Wigger celebrating gold.

The 16-year old from Gibswil just held off her Swedish rivals in the sprint for the line. She won over the two lap 1,800m course in the Vallée de Joux Cross-Country Centre on the Swiss-Franco border in a time of 4 minutes 39.95 seconds.

Maerta Rosenber of Sweden was just 0.77 seconds as she won silver. Sweden's Tove Ericsson won bronze 1.15 seconds behind the winner.

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 Action from the Women's Cross Country Skiing race

00:28 SOUNDBITE: Siri Wigger, Gold medallist, Women's Cross Country Free Skiing (Swiss-German Language).

"The prolog went very well, the semi final as well, in the final I deliberately to save some power in the first lap so I could attack in the second lap, right in front of the finishing line I was staying behind, but I was able to save enough energy to perform this final sprint."

01:05 The medallists celebrate together

01:08 SOUNDBITE: Siri Wigger, Gold medallist, Women's Cross Country Free Skiing (Swiss-German Language).

"I am very happy I could do a sprint in the end, I really appreciated that the stand is right next to the finish line, with all the fans, friends and my family cheering."

01:20 Shots of Siri Wigger from the mascot ceremony

01:35 SOUNDBITE: Siri Wigger, Gold medallist, Women's Cross Country Free Skiing (Swiss-German Language).

"It is super cool, to win in front of the home crowd, where everybody is cheering. It's has been a super race."

01:44 Shots from the medal ceremony

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