Russia's Anastasia Tsyganova celebrated with relief after winning gold on the historic St Moritz Olympia Bob Run at the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG).

Tsyganova, who is 16, was fastest on her first run. But she faltered as she strove for victory on the final run of the day, coming home with the fastest overall time of 2:22.50, just 0.03 ahead of her nearest rival.

It meant Germany’s Josefa Schellmoser had to settle for silver despite a superb final run to threaten Tsyganova. Her compatriot Sissi Schroedl 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 Anastasia Tsyganova at start of Skeleton run
00:14 Anastasia Tsyganova during Gold Medal winning run
00:19 Anastasia Tsyganova finishes Gold Medal winning run

00:24 **SOUNDBITE: Anastasia Tsyganova, Russia. Gold Medallist, Women’s Skeleton. (Russian Language)**

“It means a lot for me. But I haven’t felt the Gold medal yet. My family was worried about me very much. I hope they are pleased.”

00:38 Anastasia Tsyganova climbs on to podium and receives toy mascot

00:57 **SOUNDBITE: Anastasia Tsyganova, Russia. Gold Medallist, Women’s Skeleton. (Russian Language)**

“I haven’t felt myself the Olympian champion yet because I did the run badly and I’m not satisfied.”

01:02 All three medallists stand together on podium at mascot ceremony

01:15 **SOUNDBITE: Anastasia Tsyganova, Russia. Gold Medallist, Women’s Skeleton. (Russian Language)**

“During the two seasons I have been training in different countries at different tracks. I have already learnt many tracks. I came here for the second time. We train six days per week, we have only one day off.”

01:33 Shots from the medal ceremony of the Women’s skeleton

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