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STORY HEADLINE: Switzerland's Siri Wigger wins second gold medal at the Winter Youth Olympic Games Lausanne 2020

LOCATION: Vallée de Joux Cross-Country Centre, Switzerland

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LANGUAGE: Swiss German

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STORY SCRIPT:

Swiss cross country skier Siri Wigger claimed her second gold medal of the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) Lausanne 2020 with victory in the women's free sprint at the Vallée de Joux Cross-Country Centre.

16-year-old Wigger, who won the free cross 24 hours earlier, finished 1.47 seconds ahead of Norway's Anna Heggen. Her winning time was 2:46.40. Maerta Rosenberg of Sweden won bronze.

In the free skiing technique used in cross-country sprint the skis are prepared with only glide wax and forward motion is created by using the edges of the skis, also called skating.

The sprint event begins with individual time trials on the competition course with a 15 second interval start. The fastest 30 competitors advance to the quarter-finals consisting of five heats of six competitors each.

The top two finishers in each quarter-final heat, and the next two fastest competitors from the quarter-finals, advance to the two semi-finals of six competitors each.

The top two finishers in each semi-final heat, and the next two fastest competitors from the semi-finals, advance to the final of six competitors.

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 free sprint, Siri Wigger racing

00:12 Siri Wigger crosses the finish line

00:22 Shots of Siri Wigger being congratulated by spectators

00:31 Norway's Anna Heggen, Switzerland's Siri Wigger and Sweden's Maerta Rosenberg on podium during mascot ceremony

00:35 Siri Wigger receiving mascot

00:42 Norway's Anna Heggen, Switzerland's Siri Wigger and Sweden's Maerta Rosenberg pose for pictures on podium during mascot ceremony

00:47 SOUNDBITE: Siri Wigger, Gold Medallist, Women's Cross-Country Free Sprint (Swiss German Language).

"This is really cool, to get the two gold medals in the sprint, it is unbelievable."

00:55 Siri Wigger crosses the finish line

00:58 SOUNDBITE: Siri Wigger, Gold Medallist, Women's Cross-Country Free Sprint (Swiss German Language).

"The self-confidence is surely higher than yesterday. I had hoped for a first medal, but you can never be sure, it is mega-cool that it worked out."

01:12 Various shots from the medal ceremony for Women's Cross Country Sprint

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