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STORY HEADLINE: Switzerland celebrates home gold in team ski-snowboard cross at Lausanne 2020

LOCATION: Villars Winter Park, Switzerland

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LANGUAGE: French, Swiss German

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STORY SCRIPT:

Switzerland's snowboarders and free skiers combined to deliver a home gold at the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) at Villars Winter Park in the Alpine slopes above Lausanne.

Given there were two individual gold medallists in the line-up the Swiss team were among the favourites. They lived up to the expectation of the home crowd.

17-year-old, Anouk Doerig, bronze medallist in the women's snowboard cross, the women's freeski cross gold medallist 17-year-old, Marie Krista, men's individual snowboard cross gold medal winner, Valerio Jud, who is 17, and 17-year-old Robin Tissieres warmed the home crowd with a cool exhibition of their racing skills.

They did give the noisy Villars crowd an anxious wait before the celebrations could begin among the noisy crowd.

Going into the final race the Swiss had a healthy lead over second-placed Russia but a mistake by Tissieres left everyone waiting on the officials to add up the combined times of the two nations. Ultimately, Switzerland grabbed the gold by the slimmest of margins.

So, the silver medal went to Russia. Germany won bronze.

In team ski-snowboard cross, each team has four members. They run in the following order: female snowboarder, female skier, male snowboarder, male skier.

The race was classified as a Mixed National Olympic Committee (NOC) event, so teams could be made up of members of different NOCs to allow them to compete in the race. It meant that all three flags raised at the medal ceremony were the Olympic flag even though the three teams of medallists were each made up of members from the same NOC.

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 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 team ski-snowboard cross, snowboarders race
00:14 Action from team ski-snowboard cross, snowboarders cross the finish line
00:19 Action from team ski-snowboard cross, free skiers start racing
00:35 Action from team ski-snowboard cross, free skiers cross the finish line
00:42 Action from team ski-snowboard cross, snowboarders race
00:55 Action from team ski-snowboard cross, snowboarders cross the finish line
01:01 Action from team ski-snowboard cross, free skiers start racing
01:07 Action from team ski-snowboard cross, free skiers cross the finish line
01:12 Switzerland teammates congratulate each other
01:20 Switzerland's team ski-snowboard cross on podium at mascot ceremony
01:41 The medallists of Switzerland, Russia and Germany in the team ski-snowboard cross on podium during the mascot ceremony

01:47 SOUNDBITE: Robin Tissiers, Switzerland. Gold Medallist, Team Ski-Snowboard Cross (French Language).

"Unbelievable. In the beginning I didn't think I could make it because I did something wrong at the start. When I saw the board I could not believe it."

01:55 Action from team ski-snowboard cross competition

02:01 SOUNDBITE: Marie Karoline Krista, Switzerland. Gold Medallist, Team Ski-Snowboard Cross (Swiss German Language).

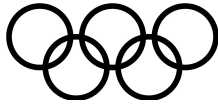
"I was just rejoicing... It was: Wow! I nearly enjoyed this more than when I won a gold medal two days ago, because this was with the team. Really, I can hardly describe it, I was just so happy."

02:16 Action from team ski-snowboard cross competition

02:22 SOUNDBITE: Valerio Jud, Switzerland. Gold Medallist, Team Ski-Snowboard Cross (Swiss German Language).

"When I crossed the finish line, I thought, yes, this could work out, but I was only sure when our teammate finally arrived."

02:33 Action from team ski-snowboard cross competition



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02:39 SOUNDBITE: Anouk Doerig, Switzerland. Gold Medallist, Team Ski-Snowboard Cross (Swiss German Language).

"I do not know, I only realised it when I saw it on the scoreboard. In the beginning I thought this won't be enough, but in the end it worked out."

02:48 Shots from the medal ceremony for the team ski-snowboard cross winners

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