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### THE YOG - FACTS AND FIGURES

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The "YOG DNA" defines the spirit and identity of the Youth Olympic Games (YOG). It is also the official registered mark of the YOG, through which they are distinguished from the Olympic Games, while keeping the Olympic rings symbol. The YOG DNA highlights the freshness and dynamism of youth. It is about giving the best of oneself, discovering new cultures, making new friendships, pushing one's limits, expanding one's horizons and enjoying oneself. Having YOG-DNA also means being aware of the power of sport to make the world of better place. For participating athletes, becoming young Olympians means being ambassadors of sport, of Olympic values and advocates of a healthy lifestyle.

### PAST AND FUTURE EDITIONS

#### THE 1<sup>ST</sup> SUMMER YOG - SINGAPORE 2010

The first Summer Youth Olympic Games were held in Singapore in 2010.

The host city election was conducted by postal vote. Former IOC President Jacques Rogge announced the result at The Olympic Museum in Lausanne on 21 February 2008. The other Candidate Cities were: Athens (Greece), Bangkok (Thailand), Debrecen (Hungary), Guatemala City (Guatemala), Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Moscow (Russian Federation), Poznań (Poland), Singapore (Singapore) and Turin (Italy). In the final vote, Singapore was elected with 53 votes to 44 for Moscow.

#### Key facts and figures:

- ✚ **Dates:** 14 to 26 August 2010
- ✚ **NOC participated:** 204 + Independent Olympic Participants (athletes from Kuwait, owing the suspension of their NOC)

- ✚ **Athletes:** 3,524 (1,678 girls; 1,846 boys)
- ✚ **Events:** 201, in
- ✚ **Volunteers:** 20,000
- ✚ **Media:** 1,768
- ✚ **Team Officials:** 1,871
- ✚ **Mascots:** Lyo and Merly. Lyo is an abbreviation of "Lion of the Youth Olympic Games". The lion is the national symbol of Singapore. Merly comes from "merlion", a mythical sea creature (with the body of a lion and head of a fish), a symbol from local folklore.
- ✚ **Official opening of the Games:** Sellapan Ramanathan, President of the Republic of Singapore.
- ✚ **Lighting of the Olympic cauldron:** Darren Choy (SIN), sailing.
- ✚ **Torch bearers:** Amanda Lim Xiang Qi (swimming), Silas Abdul Razak (hockey), Griselda Khng (sailing), Jeffrey Adam Lightfoot (football) and Jasmine Ser Xiang Wei (shooting).
- ✚ **Olympic oath (athletes):** Caroline Rosanna Chew Pei Jia (SIN), equestrian.
- ✚ **Olympic oath (officials):** Syed Abdul Kadir (SIN), boxing.
- ✚ **Olympic oath (coaches):** David Lim Fong Jock (SIN), head coach, aquatics.
- ✚ **Bearers of the Olympic flag:** Frank Fredericks (athletics), Patricia Chan Li-Yi (swimming), Sergey Bubka (athletics), Dr Tan Eng Liang, Tan Howe Liang (weightlifting), Tao Li (swimming), Yang Yang (speed skating) and Yelena Isinbaeva (athletics).





- ✚ **Youth athlete bearers of the Olympic flag:** Isabelle Li Siyun (table tennis), Lee Shang Hui Carol (shooting), Natasha Michiko Yokoyama (sailing), Rania Herlina Rahardja (fencing), Timothy Tay (gymnastics) and Zachary Ryan Devaraj (athletics).
- ✚ **Young Reporters:** 29
- ✚ **Young Ambassadors:** 29
- ✚ **Athlete Role Models:** 47
- ✚ **YOG Ambassadors:** Michael Phelps (USA), Yelena Isinbaeva (RUS) and Usain Bolt (JAM).
- ✚ **Age groups:** Depending on the sports and disciplines in which the athletes competed, they had to be 15, 16, 17 or 18 on 31 December 2010 (born between 1 January 1992 and 31 December 1995).
- ✚ **“Learn & Share” activities:** Over 50 activities were created and made available to the athletes and other participants.

## THE 1<sup>ST</sup> WINTER YOG – INNSBRUCK 2012

The first Winter Youth Olympic Games were held in Innsbruck (Austria) in 2012. The Host city election was conducted by postal vote. Former IOC President Jacques Rogge announced the choice of host city of the 1<sup>st</sup> Winter YOG on 12 December 2008 at the IOC headquarters in Lausanne. The other Candidate Cities were: Harbin (China), Lillehammer (Norway), Kuopio (Finland) and Innsbruck (Austria). In the final vote Innsbruck was elected with 84 votes with 15 for Kuopio.

### Key facts and figures:

- ✚ **Dates:** 13 to 22 January 2012
- ✚ **NOC participated:** 69
- ✚ **Athletes:** 1,022 (466 girls; 556 boys)
- ✚ **Events:** 63, in 7 sports
- ✚ **Volunteers:** 1,440 from 50 countries



- ✚ **Media:** 900
- ✚ **Team Officials:** 611
- ✚ **Mascot:** Yoggl, an Alpine chamois. The name “Joggl” is common and traditional in the Tyrol. The “J” was replaced by a “Y” in reference to the YOG.
- ✚ **Official opening of the Games:** Heinz Fischer, President of Austria.
- ✚ **Lighting of the Olympic cauldron:** Egon Zimmerman (Olympic downhill champion in 1964), lit the 1964 Games cauldron; Franz Klammer (Olympic downhill champion in 1976), lit the 1976 cauldron; and Paul Gerstgraser (young athlete in Nordic combined) lit the cauldron of the 1<sup>st</sup> Winter YOG.



- ✚ **Torch bearers:** Leo Stock (Olympic downhill skier, AUT) skied down the Bergisel ramp with the torch. Yuna Kim (Winter YOG Ambassador, Olympic figure skating champion, KOR), Patrick Ortlieb (Alpine skier, AUT), Sigrid Wolf (Alpine skier, AUT), Fritz Strobl (Alpine skier, AUT) and Doris Neuner (luger, AUT) carried the torch in the Stadium.
- ✚ **Olympic oath (athletes):** Christina Ager (AUT), Alpine skier.
- ✚ **Olympic oath (officials):** Peter Zenz (AUT), skiing official.
- ✚ **Olympic oath (coaches):** Angelika Neuner (AUT), coach of the luge team and two-time Olympic medallist.
- ✚ **Bearers of the Olympic flag:** Karl Schnabl (ski jumping), Toni Innauer (ski jumping), Karl Schranz (Alpine skiing), Edith Zimmermann-Rhomberg (Alpine skiing), Brigitte



Habersatter-Totschnig (Alpine skiing), Josef Feistmantl (luge).

- ✚ **Young athlete bearers of the Olympic flag:** Lukas Telsnig (ice hockey), Thomas Petutschnigg (speed skating), Benjamin Maier (bobsleigh), Nina-Larissa Wolfslast (figure skating), Irena Brettbacher (curling), Miriam-Stefanie Kastlunger (luge).
- ✚ **Young Reporters:** 15
- ✚ **Young Ambassadors:** 33
- ✚ **Athlete Role Models:** 33
- ✚ **YOG Ambassadors:** Lyndsey Vonn (USA), Yuna Kim (KOR), Kevin Rolland (FRA), Sidney Crosby (CAN) and Benjamin Raich (AUT).
- ✚ **Age groups:** Depending on the sports and disciplines in which the athletes competed, they had to be 15, 16, 17 or 18 on 31 December 2012 (born between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1997).
- ✚ **“Learn & Share” activities:** Over 20 activities were created and made available to the athletes and other participants.



## THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUMMER YOG – NANJING 2014

Nanjing (China) hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Summer Youth Olympic Games in 2014. The host city was elected at the 122<sup>nd</sup> IOC Session on 10 February 2010 in Vancouver. The other Candidate City was Poznań (Poland). Nanjing was elected with 47 votes, with 42 for

Poznań. Guadalajara (MEX) withdrew his candidature before the vote.

### Key facts and figures:

- ✚ **Dates:** 16 to 28 August 2014
- ✚ **NOC participated:** 201 + 1 Independent Olympic Athlete
- ✚ **Athletes:** 3,759 (1,908 boys et 1,851 girls)
- ✚ **Events:** 222
- ✚ **Volunteers:** 18,200
- ✚ **Medias:** 3,160
- ✚ **Team Officials:** 1,209
- ✚ **Mascot:** Nanjinglele, which is inspired by the “rain flower pebble” or “riverstone”, typical of China. “Lele” refers to the sound of the stones colliding and is also pronounced like the Chinese word that means happiness or joy.
- ✚ **Official opening of the Games:** Xi Jinping, president of the People’s Republic of China.
- ✚ **Lighting of the Olympic cauldron:** Chen Ruolin (diving).
- ✚ **Torch bearers:** Lin Dan (badminton), Zhou Yang (short track speed skating), Zhang Jike (table tennis), Tang Yi (swimming), Chen Ding (athletics).
- ✚ **Olympic oath (athletes):** Fan Zhendong (table tennis).
- ✚ **Olympic oath (officials):** Zhou Qiurui (gymnastics).
- ✚ **Olympic oath (coaches):** Li Rongxiang (athletics).
- ✚ **Bearers of the Olympic flag:** Wu Minxia (diving), Liu Xiang (athletics), Ren Cancan (boxing), Lei Sheng (fencing), Wu Jingyu (taekwondo), Wang Liqin (table tennis), Zhang Xi (beach volleyball), Qiu Jian (shooting)
- ✚ **Young athlete bearers of the Olympic flag:** Xu Zhihang (athletics), Shi Yuqi (badminton), Yan Jiahua (canoe), Huang Ali (fencing), Dou Zecheng (golf), Zhong Xiuting (modern pentathlon), YANG, Feifei (rugby) Zhang Zhihao (swimming)
- ✚ **Athlete Role Models:** 37
- ✚ **Young reporters:** 35
- ✚ **Young Ambassadors:** 104







- ✚ **YOG Ambassadors:** Chad le Clos (RSA - swimming) and Michelle Wie (USA - golf).
- ✚ **Sports programme:** 222 organised in the 28 sports that are on the Rio 2016 Olympic programme (including golf and rugby sevens).
- ✚ **Age groups:** Depending on the sports and disciplines in which the athletes competed, they were 15, 16, 17 or 18 on 31 December 2014 (born between 1 January 1996 and 31 December 1999).
- ✚ **Games venues:** 35 venues, 3 zones: the Olympic Centre zone, the Cultural Scenic Spot zone and the College Pavilion.
- ✚ **“Learn & Share” activities:** 22 activities and 1,498 sessions were organised.



- ✚ **NOC participants expected:** ~ 70
- ✚ **Athletes expected:** ~1,100
- ✚ **Volunteers:** ~3,000
- ✚ **Mascots:** Sjogg: This mountain lynx is named after the main ingredient needed in the Winter Youth Olympic Games: snow! In the Lillehammer region, Sjogg is the local word for the cold, white, fluffy stuff.
- ✚ **Sports programme:** competitions will be organised in the seven sports on the Olympic winter programme.
- ✚ **Young Reporters:** 15
- ✚ **Young Ambassadors:** 39
- ✚ **Athletes Role Models:** 15
- ✚ **YOG Ambassador:** Kjetil Jansrud (- alpine skiing - NOR), Lindsey Vonn (alpine skiing – USA), Yuna Kim (figure skating – KOR), Silje Norendal (snowboard – NOR), Mats Zuccarello (ice hockey – NOR).
- ✚ **Age groups:** depending on the sports and disciplines in which the athletes compete, they must be 15, 16, 17 or 18 on 31 December 2016 (born between 1 January 1998 and 31 December 2001).
- ✚ **Games venues:** Existing facilities from the 1994 Olympic Winter Games located in Hamar, Gjøvik, Øyer and Lillehammer.
- ✚ **“Learn & Share” activities:** Over 26 activities and three excursions will be organized around the 5 main themes of the programme.

## THE 2<sup>ND</sup> WINTER YOG – LILLEHAMMER 2016

Lillehammer (Norway) will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Winter Youth Olympic Games in 2016.

The host city was elected by postal vote by the IOC members. Lillehammer was the only Candidate City and received the required majority of votes.

### Key facts and figures:

- ✚ **Dates:** 12 to 21 February (Opening Ceremony exactly 22 years after the 1994 Olympic Winter Games, which were also held there).





## THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUMMER YOG – BUENOS AIRES 2018

Buenos Aires (Argentina) will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Summer Youth Olympic Games in 2018.

The host city was elected at the IOC Extraordinary Session on 4 July 2013 in Lausanne. The other Candidate Cities that took part in the vote were: Glasgow (Great Britain) and Medellin (Colombia). Glasgow was eliminated in the first round (13 votes), then Buenos Aires was elected with 49 votes, with 39 for Medellin, in the second round. Guadalajara (Mexico), Poznań (Poland) and Rotterdam (Netherlands) were also in contention but did not reach the last stage of the election procedure.

🚩 **Dates:** 11 to 23 September 2018

🚩 **Sports programme:** for the first time in Olympic history, the number of female and male athletes competing will be the same, which is awesome news in the race towards gender equality. As for the sports on offer, kiteboarding, beach handball and BMX freestyle, among others, will be joining the programme.

🚩 **Expected athletes:** ~4 000

## THE 3<sup>RD</sup> WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES – LAUSANNE 2020

Lausanne (Switzerland) will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Winter Youth Olympic Games in 2020. Lausanne was elected during the 127<sup>th</sup> IOC Session in Kuala Lumpur in July 2015. In the final vote, Lausanne was elected with 71 votes to 10 for Brasov (Romania).

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