



# FACTSHEET

## THE YOG – FACTS AND FIGURES

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### PAST AND FUTURE EDITIONS

#### THE 1<sup>st</sup> SUMMER YOG – SINGAPORE 2010

**Election:** 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), and Turin (Italy). In the final vote, Singapore was elected with 53 votes to 44 for Moscow.

**Dates:** 14 to 26 August 2010

**NOC participated:** 204 + the Independent Olympic Participants (athletes from Kuwait, owing the suspension of their NOC)

**Athletes:** 3,524 (1,678 girls, 1,846 boys)

**Events:** 201 events in 26 sports

**Volunteers:** 20,000

**Media:** 1,768

**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, athletes were 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

**Election:** conducted by postal vote. Former IOC President Jacques Rogge announced the choice of host city on 12 December 2008 at the IOC headquarters in Lausanne. The other Candidate Cities were: Harbin (China), Lillehammer (Norway), Kuopio (Finland). In the final vote Innsbruck was elected with 84 votes with 15 for Kuopio.

**Dates:** 13 to 22 January 2012

**NOC participated:** 69

**Athletes:** 1,022 (466 girls, 556 boys)

**Events:** 63 events in 7 sports

**Volunteers:** 1,440

**Media:** 900

**Mascot:** Yoggi, an Alpine chamois. The name "Yoggi" 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 champion in 1964), lit the 1964 Games cauldron; Franz Klammer (Olympic 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 (AUT) skied down the Bergisel ramp with the torch. Yuna Kim (KOR), Patrick Ortlieb (AUT), Sigrid Wolf (AUT), Fritz Strobl (AUT) and Doris Neuner (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).

**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 Wolfsast (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, athletes were 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

**Election:** 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 its candidature before the vote.

**Dates:** 16 to 28 August 2014

**NOC participated:** 201 + 1 Independent Olympic Athlete

**Athletes:** 3,759 (1,851 girls and 1,908 boys)

**Events:** 222 events in 28 sports

**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) and Michelle Wie (USA).

**Age groups:** depending on the sports and disciplines, athletes 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 organized.

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

**Election:** by postal vote by the IOC members. Lillehammer was the only Candidate City and received the required majority of votes.



**Dates:** 12 to 21 February (Opening Ceremony exactly 22 years after the 1994 Olympic Winter Games.

**NOC participated:** 71

**Athletes:** 1 060 (567 boys and 493 girls)

**Events:** 70 events in 7 sports

**Volunteers:** 3 278

**Media:** 653

**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.

**Official opening of the Games:** King Harald V

**Lighting of the Olympic cauldron:** Princess Ingrid Alexandra of Norway.

**Torch bearers:** Princess Ingrid Alexandra, Marit Bjørgensen (cross-country skiing).

**Olympic oath (athletes):** Maria Ramsfjell (curling)

**Olympic oath (officials):** Thomas Pettersen (ice hockey).

**Olympic oath (coaches):** Sandra Alise Lyngstan (cross-country ski).

**Bearers of the Olympic flag:** Erica Alard (bobsleigh), Yuna Kim (figure skating), Stine Lise Hattestad (freestyle skiing), Bjørn Daehlie (cross-country skiing), Anita Moen Bonden (cross-country skiing), Espen Bredesen (ski jumping).

**Young athlete bearers of the Olympic flag:** Anna Odine Strøm (ski jumping), Ane Fartad (short-track), Ena Marie Nystrøm (ice hockey), Vebjørn Hedgal (cross-country skiing), Frederik Bucher-Johansen (biathlon), Herman Møller Johansen (snowboard).

**Young Reporters:** 15

**Young Ambassadors:** 39

**Athletes Role Models:** 15

**YOG Ambassador:** Kjetil Jansrud (NOR), Lindsey Vonn (USA), Yuna Kim (KOR), Silje Norendal (NOR), Mats Zuccarello (NOR).

**Age groups:** depending on the sports and disciplines, athletes were 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 were organized around the 5 main themes of the programme.

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

**Election:** at the IOC Extraordinary Session on 4 July 2013 in Lausanne. The other Candidate Cities 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:** 6 to 18 October 2018

**NOC participated:** 206

**Athletes:** 4,000 (2,000 girls and 2,000 boys) For the first time in Olympic history, the number of female and male athletes was the same.

**Events:** 239 events in 32 sports; including 4 new sports: roller sports, dance sport, karate and sport climbing. New disciplines and events were also joining the programme such as, kiteboarding, beach handball and BMX freestyle.

**Volunteers:** 8,300

**Medias:** 2,166

**Mascot:** #Pandi is a young jaguar, the biggest wildcat on the American continent. Its name is the contraction between the scientific name of the jaguar (*panthera onca*) and the term "digital". The # demonstrates the idea of strong virtual presence of the mascot. #Pandi is *gender fluid* (neither female nor male).

**Official opening of the Games:** Mauricio Macri, president of Argentina.

**Lighting of the Olympic cauldron:** Paula Pareto (judo), Santiago Lange (sailing).

**Torch bearers:** Sebastian Crismanich (taekwondo), Luciana Aymar (hockey), Walter Pérez (cycling), Gabriela Sabatini (table tennis), Pedro Ibarra (hockey), Cecilia Carranza (sailing) Pablo Zaffaroni (pole vault), Celeste d'Arcangelo (gymnastics).

**Olympic oath (athletes):** Teresa Romairone (sailing).

**Olympic oath (officials):** Lorena McColl (beach handball).

**Olympic oath (coaches):** Carlos Retegui (hockey).

**Bearers of the Olympic flag:** Fernanda Russo (sports shooting), Braian Toldedo (javelin thrower).

**Young reporters:** 34

**Young change-makers:** 83

**Athlete role models:** 62

**YOG Ambassadors:** Luciana Aymar (ARG), Chad Le Clos (RSA), Javier Mascherano (ARG), Luis Scola (ARG).



**Age groups:** Depending on the sports and disciplines, athletes are 15, 16, 17 or 18 on 31 December 2018 (born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2003).

**Games venues:** 29 venues located in 4 parks (Youth Olympic Park, Urban Park, Green Park et Tecnopolis park) plus 4 standalone venues (sailing, golf, cycling, roller speed skating, rugby). To maximise the public participation, the access to the four parks were free, and participants were able to experience a fusion of elite sport competition, music, culture and arts festivals, sport initiation, showcasing and educational programmes. The objective of this innovative approach was to utilise open, temporary venues and organise competitions in urban locations where people naturally gather.

**“Learn & Share” activities:** 36 activities anchored on 3 themes: protect the clean athlete, athlete performance, athlete beyond sport.

### THE 3<sup>rd</sup> WINTER YOG – LAUSANNE 2020

**Election:** 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).

**Dates:** 9 to 22 January 2020

**Mascot:** Yodli is a hybrid animal, composed of several emblematically Swiss animals that live in the Swiss mountains: a cow, a goat and a St Bernard dog.

**NOCs:** 79

**Athletes:** 1,784. (915 boys, 869 girls)

**Events:** 81 events in 8 sports and 16 disciplines. A new sport, ski mountaineering, new disciplines and events like women’s Nordic combined, hockey 3x3, women’s luge double joined the programme.

**Volunteers:** 3,300 volunteers

**Medias:** 1126

**Official opening of the Games:** Simonetta Sommaruga (President of Swiss Confederation). Another ceremony was held at the same time for the 225 athletes in Saint Moritz, with the broadcasting of the ceremony in Lausanne, rise of the Swiss and Olympic flags and lightening of the Olympic cauldron.

**Lighting of the Olympic cauldron:** Gina Zehnder.

**Torch bearers:** Michela Figini (alpine skiing, representing Italian speaking region), Sandro Viletta (alpine skiing, representing Romanche speaking region), Kevin Rolland (freestyle skiing, representing France), Erika Hess (alpine skiing, representing German Swiss speaking region), Fanny Smith (ski

cross, representing French speaking region), Emy Vauthey (artistic gymnastics)

**Olympic oath (athletes):** Noah Bodenstein (figure skating).

**Olympic oath (officials):** Eric Catanio (ice hockey).

**Olympic oath (coaches):** Stephane Meinberg (curling).

**Bearers of the Olympic flag:** two former Olympians Florence Schelling (ice hockey) and Didier Cuche (alpine skiing) and two members of the Swiss team, Anais Coladuchi (figure skating) and Loris Uberti (ice hockey).

**Young reporters:** 15

**Young change-makers:** 11 at the IOC Dome

**YOG Ambassadors:** Sarah Atcho, Timea Bacszinszky, Pat Burgener, Charlotte Chable, Jason Lamy Chappuis, Peter de Cruz, Théo Gmür, Mathilde Gremaud, Cristobal Huet, Augustin Maillefer, Sarah Meier, Killian Peier, Laetitia Roux, Fanny Smith.

**Athletes role models:** 24 (Marie-Laure Brunet, Patrick Chan, Alex Deibold, Tara Geraghty-Moats, Vanessa Herzog, Gregory Carigiet, Jernej Damjan, Yannick Ecoeur, Jamie Greubel Poser, Tatjana Hüfner, Hannah Kearney, Henrik L'Abée-Lund, Maria Ntanou, Yves Pascal Oswald, Florence Schelling, Verena Stuffer, Viktor Knoch, John Morris, Ekaterina Osischkina, Nathalie Péchalat, Mark Streit, Sarah van Berkel, Sandro Viletta, Livio Wenger).

**Venues:** Lausanne hosted the ice competitions. The Olympic Capital also was the venue for the opening and closing ceremonies, and the medal ceremonies. Villars hosted the ski-mountaineering competitions as well as ski cross and snowboard cross. The Vallée de Joux hosted the cross-country skiing competitions. Les Tuffes stadium hosted ski jumping, Nordic combined and biathlon competitions. Champéry hosted the curling competitions. St. Moritz hosted the bobsleigh, skeleton, luge and speed skating competitions.

**Age groups:** depending on the sports and disciplines, athletes were 15, 16, 17 or 18 on 31 December 2018 (born between 1 January 2002 and 31 December 2005).

**“Learn and share” activities:** the cultural and educational programme has been displayed on every Games venue.





## THE 4<sup>th</sup> WINTER YOG – GANGWON 2024

**Election:** Gangwon (Republic of Korea) was elected as the host of the Winter YOG 2024 at the 135<sup>th</sup> IOC Session in Lausanne, Switzerland, on 10 January 2020. The fourth edition of the Winter YOG 2024 are held in Gangwon province in the cities of Pyeongchang and Gangneung, home to the Olympic Winter Games 2018. These Winter YOG are the first to be covered by the IOC's new approach to future host elections, which is based on flexibility and dialogue.

**Dates:** 19 January to 2 February 2024

**Mascot:** Moongcho's name is derived from the Korean word "Moongchida", which means to bring together various thoughts and powers. Born of a snowball that was used in a snowball fight between PyeongChang 2018 mascots Soohorang and Bandabi, it inherited the sportsmanship of its Winter Olympics predecessors.

**Athletes:** 1900 (950 boys, 950 girls)

**NOCs:** + 80 NOCs are expected

**Events:** 81 events (32 women's events, 32 men's events and 17 mixed events) in 7 sports and 15 disciplines. In addition to the replacement of mixed NOC events with equivalent events of the same format composed of teams of athletes from the same NOCs, the IOC Executive Board established the following event changes:

- Short Track Speed Skating: Two new 1,500m individual events (1M/1W)
- Cross-Country Skiing: One new mixed-gender relay to replace the Cross-Country Cross events.
- Nordic Combined: One new mixed-gender team event.
- Freestyle Skiing: two new events with a ski cross mixed team event and a mixed team dual moguls event.
- Snowboard: a new snowboard cross mixed team event.

**Young reporters:** 14

**Venues:** The Winter Youth Olympic Games Gangwon 2024 will take place at 9 competition venues across 4 main regions:

- Gangneung - Ice sports
- Pyeongchang - Nordic and Sliding disciplines
- Jeongseon - Alpine skiing and Dual moguls
- Hoengseong - remaining Freestyle skiing and Snowboard events.

**Age groups:** Depending on the sports and disciplines, athletes are 15, 16, 17 or 18 on 31 December 2024 (born between 1 January 2006 and 31 December 2005).

**Athletes role models:** 17 (Jennifer Dodds, Changmin Kim, Jackie Narracott, Yunjong Won, Eliza Tiruma, Yura Min, Michal Brezina, Nao Kodaira, Eric Frenzel, Magnus Boe, Sami Kennedy-Sim, Vanessa Hinz, Dominik Windisch, Sascha Benecken, Da Som Han, Carina Vogt, Victor Polasek).

**2024 Gangwon Winter Youth Olympic Games Festival:** Under the theme "Let's PLAY WINTER", various sporting, artistic, cultural and educative activities take place in Gangneung, PyeongChang, Hoengseong, Jeongseon.

## THE 4<sup>th</sup> SUMMER YOG – DAKAR 2026

In a decision approved during the 136<sup>th</sup> Session of the IOC on 17 July 2020, Senegal and the IOC mutually agreed to postpone the YOG in Dakar from 2022 to 2026. The 4<sup>th</sup> Summer YOG will take place in Dakar, Senegal, the first country on the African continent to be awarded the honour of hosting an Olympic sports event. The YOG Dakar 2026 represent a catalyst for a sporting, social, cultural, educational and economic transformation that will create new hope, opportunities and confidence for young people. Dakar 2026 is born out of the desire to take the YOG to all parts of the world and to put the Games at the heart of Africa's transformation. Senegal's sporting culture and practice is rooted in history and in the population, especially young people. It aims to be synonymous with symbiosis, exchange, joy and pride, but also humility for young people worldwide, in Africa and Senegal. Sport is meant to be a celebration, a way of living together, a factor for peace, rapprochement and social cohesion.

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