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Lausanne 2020 Fast Facts

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- Lausanne 2020 is the third edition of the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG), and will feature 8 sports, 16 disciplines and 81 events, across 8 competition venues.
- 1880 athletes from 73 countries ages 15 –18 will compete in Switzerland over a two-week period.
- Lausanne 2020 will be the biggest Winter YOG in history due its innovative 'two-wave' format, seeing each 'wave' of athletes staying for 1 week of the 2-week Games period, allowing 800 more athletes than the previous Winter YOG in Lillehammer 2016.
- 33 athletes will represent Australia in Switzerland, competing over 7 disciplines: biathlon, 3x3 ice hockey, short track speed skating, alpine skiing, cross country skiing, freestyle skiing and snowboard.
- Lausanne 2020 will be gender-equal, with 940 male and 940 female athletes competing across 66 events, with 15 mixed team events.
- Lausanne 2020 will introduce 4 new disciplines to the Winter YOG; Big Air, 3x3 Ice Hockey, Women's Doubles Luge, and Women's Nordic Combined, plus 1 new sport in Ski Mountaineering
- Australians have won 7 medals over the 2012 Innsbruck and 2016 Lillehammer Youth Olympics.
- Five Australian Youth Olympians have gone on to represent Australia at the Winter Olympic Games: Emily Arthur (snowboard), Alex Ferlazzo (luge), Greta Small (alpine skiing), Lucy Glanville (biathlon) and Harry Laidlaw (alpine skiing)
- The mascot for Lausanne 2020 Winter Youth Olympic Games is Yodli. Yodli is a hybrid animal, composed of several Swiss animals that are local to the Swiss Alps: a cow, a goat and a St Bernard dog. The mascot signifies the diversity of the athletes participating in the Winter Youth Olympic Games.
- The slogan for Lausanne 2020 is 'Start Now' – aiming to inspire new generations to pursue their dreams, to start today and to follow the path to their destiny.