

# WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES



## Gangwon 2024 Fast Facts

### Australian Team

- Australia's largest ever Winter Youth Olympic Games (WYOG) Team will compete in Gangwon, South Korea from 19 January to 1 February 2024.
- The 47-strong Team will compete across eight disciplines: Biathlon, Figure Skating, Short Track Speed Skating, Ice Hockey, Snowboard, Cross-Country Skiing, Alpine and Freestyle Skiing.
- The Australian Team is made up on 31 females and 16 males, aged between 14 and 18, with an average age of 15.8
- The Gangwon 2024 Games will see the first all-Australian ice hockey team to represent Australia at a Youth Olympic Games
- Australia has won 7 medals over the Innsbruck 2012, Lillehammer 2016 and Lausanne 2020 Winter Youth Olympic Games: 1 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze.
- 10 Australian Youth Olympic Team members have gone on to represent Australia at the Winter Olympic Games: Emily Arthur (Snowboard), Alex Ferlazzo (Luge), Greta Small (Alpine Skiing), Lucy Glanville (Biathlon), Harry Laidlaw (Alpine Skiing), Josie Baff (Snowboard), Hugo Hinckfuss (Cross-Country Skiing), Abi Harrigan (Freestyle Skiing), Louis Muhlen-Schulte (Alpine Skiing) and Katie Parker (Alpine Skiing)
- Our Australian Team will have the benefit of being mentored by Vancouver 2010 Moguls Olympian Ramone Cooper as the Chef de Mission.
- Four-time Moguls Olympian Britteny Cox will be with the team in a mentor role through the Athlete365 Career+ program and will also assist with team operations during the Games.
- Winter Olympians Sami Kennedy-Sim and Jackie Narracott will be in Gangwon as 'Athlete Role Models', selected by the International Federations of winter sports on the Gangwon 2024 YOG program to mentor and support young athletes during the Games.

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## The Games

- Gangwon 2024 is the fourth edition of the Winter Youth Olympic Games and will feature 7 sports, 15 disciplines and 81 events, across four venues.
- Gangwon 2024 is the first Winter Youth Olympic Games to be held in Asia and will benefit from many of the facilities used for the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Games, ensuring the Games are cost-effective and sustainable.
- A record 1900 athletes (up from 1788 at Lausanne 2020) from 81 National Olympic Committees aged 14 to 18 will compete in South Korea over the two-week period.
- Athlete representation at the Games will be gender-equal, with 34 men's events and 34 women's events.
- Freestyle Mogul Skiing will make its WYOG debut featuring two events, dual moguls and teams' dual moguls.
- Gangwon 2024 will feature a further four new events: A mixed-gender relay event in Cross Country, a mixed-gender team event in Nordic Combined and two 1500m individual events in Short Track Speed Skating.
- The mascot for Gangwon 2024 Winter Youth Olympic Games is Moongcho. Born from snow, Moongcho's face is a flying snowball that symbolises speed – a key aspect in sport. Just like every snowball is unique, so is every athlete. Moongcho derives from the Korean verb 'mungchida', which means to gather as one.
- The slogan for Gangwon 2024 is 'Grow Together, Shine Forever' – aiming to inspire peaceful coexistence and unity through sport to create a better future together.