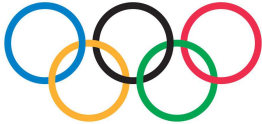# OLYMPIC GAMES

PYEONGCHANG
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The 2018 Winter Olympics, officially known as the XXIII Olympic Winter Games (Korean: *Jeisipsamhoe Donggye Ollimpik*) and commonly known as PyeongChang 2018, were held between 9 and 25 February 2018 in Pyeongchang County, Gangwon Province, South Korea, with the opening rounds for certain events held on 8 February 2018, the eve of the opening ceremony.

Pyeongchang was elected as the host city in July 2011, during the 123rd IOC Session in Durban, South Africa. This was the first time that South Korea had hosted the Winter Olympics and the second Olympics held in the country overall, after the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul. It was the third time that an East Asian country had hosted the Winter Games, after Sapporo (1972) and Nagano (1998), both in Japan. It was also the first of three consecutive Olympics to be held in East Asia, the other two being the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo and the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing. Munich also launched a bid to host these Games. Prior to Beijing's successful 2022 Winter Olympics bid, Munich would have become the first city to host both the Winter and the Summer Games, having previously hosted the 1972 Summer Olympics, but received only 25 votes. Annecy (in southeastern France) launched their own bid, which failed to secure public support from the local citizens. Their bid ended up receiving seven votes.

The Games featured 102 events in fifteen sports, with the addition of "big air" snowboarding, mass start speed skating, mixed doubles curling, and mixed team alpine skiing to the Winter Olympic programme. 2,914 athletes from 92 NOCs competed, including the debuts of Ecuador, Eritrea, Kosovo, Malaysia, Nigeria and Singapore. After a state-sponsored doping program was exposed following the 2014 Winter Olympics, the Russian Olympic Committee was suspended, and selected athletes were allowed to compete neutrally under the IOC designation of "Olympic Athletes from Russia". Despite tense relations, North Korea agreed to participate in the Games, enter with South Korea during the opening ceremony as a unified Korea, and field a unified team in women's ice hockey.

Norway led the total medal tally with 39, followed by Germany's 31 and Canada's 29. Germany and Norway were tied for the most gold medals won; both won fourteen golds. Host nation South Korea won seventeen medals, their highest medal haul at a Winter Olympics, five of which were gold.

PyeongChang 2018

SPORTS

102 events in 15 sports were included in the 2018 Winter Olympics.

*ALPINE SKIING (11 events)

*BIATHLON (11 events)

*BOBSLEIGH (3 events)

*CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING (12 events)

*CURLING (3 events)

*FIGURE SKATING (5 events)

*FREESTYLE SKIING (10 events)

*ICE HOCKEY (2 events)

*LUGE (4 events)

*NORDIC COMBINED (3 events)

*SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING (8 events)

*SKELETON (2 events)

*SKI JUMPING (4 events)

*SNOWBOARDING (10 events)

*SPEED SKATING (12 events)

MASCOTS

The official mascots of the 2018 Winter Olympics and Paralympics were unveiled on 2 June 2016. The Olympic mascot, Soohorang, is a white tiger. The mascot's name is a portmanteau of "Sooho", a Korean word for "protection", and "Rang" which is derived both from the Korean word for "tiger" and from the name of a traditional Korean folk song originating from Gangwon Province. Tigers have a strong association with Korean culture and folklore.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Noriaki Kasai became the first athlete in history to participate in 8 Winter Olympics when he took part in the ski jumping qualification the day before the opening of the Games.
- Nathan Chen became the first figure skater to land five quadruple jumps in one program.
- Sven Kramer won gold in the men's 5000m event, becoming the only male speed skater to win the same Olympic event 3 times. He was also the first man to win a total of 8 Olympic medals in speed skating.
- Ireen Wüst won an individual gold medal for the fourth Olympics in a row, the first time this had been achieved by a Winter Olympian. She also became the first speed skater (male or female) to win ten Winter Olympic medals and the first female Winter Olympian to win nine individual medals.
- Jorien ter Mors became the first female athlete to win Olympic medals in two different sports at a single Winter Games; she won a speed skating gold medal in the 1000 metres and she was also part of the Dutch short track team that won bronze in the 3000 metre relay.
- Ester Ledecká of the Czech Republic won gold in the skiing super-G event and another gold in the snowboarding parallel giant slalom, making her the first female athlete to win Olympic gold medals in two different sports at a single Winter Games.
- Marit Bjørgen won bronze in the women's team sprint and gold in the 30 kilometre classical event, bringing her total Olympic medal haul to fifteen, the most won by any athlete (male or female) in Winter Olympics history.

Venues

VENUE	SPORTS
Pyeongchang Olympic Stadium	Ceremonies
Alpensia Ski Jumping Centre	Ski jumping / Nordic combined / snowboarding
Alpensia Biathlon Centre	Biathlon
Alpensia Cross-country Centre	Cross-country skiing / Nordic combined
Alpensia Sliding Centre	Luge / Bobsleigh / Skeleton
Yongpyong Alpine Centre	Alpine skiing
Phoenix Snow Park (Bongpyeong-myeon)	Freestyle skiing / Snowboarding
Jeongseon Alpine Centre	Alpine skiing
Gangneung Hockey Centre	Ice hockey
Gangneung Curling Centre	Curling
Gangneung Oval	Speed skating
Gangneung Ice Arena	Short track speed skating / Figure skating
Kwandong Hockey Centre	Ice hockey

A total of 92 teams qualified at least one athlete to compete in the Games. The number of athletes who qualified per country is listed in the table below (number of athletes shown in parentheses). Six nations made their Winter Olympics debut: Ecuador, Eritrea, Kosovo, Malaysia, Nigeria and Singapore. Athletes from three further countries – the Cayman Islands, Dominica and Peru – qualified to compete, but all three National Olympic Committees returned the quota spots back to the International Ski Federation (FIS).

Under an historic agreement facilitated by the IOC, qualified athletes from North Korea were allowed to cross the Korean Demilitarized Zone into South Korea to compete in the Games. The two nations marched together under the Korean Unification Flag during the opening ceremony. A unified Korean team, consisting of 12 players from North Korea and 23 from South Korea, competed in the women's ice hockey tournament under a special IOC country code designation (COR) following talks in Panmunjom on 17 January 2018. The two nations also participated separately: the South Korea team competed in every sport and the North Korea team competed in alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, figure skating and short track speed skating.

On 5 December 2017, the IOC announced that the Russian Olympic Committee had been suspended due to the Russian doping controversy and the investigation into the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi. Individual Russian athletes, who qualified and could demonstrate they had complied with the IOC's doping regulations, were given the option to compete at the 2018 Games as "Olympic Athletes from Russia" (OAR) under the Olympic flag and with the Olympic anthem played at any ceremony.

ALBANIA	EAST TIMOR	KOREA	OAR*
ANDORRA	ECUADOR	KOSOVO	PAKISTAN
ARGENTINA	ERITREA	KYRGYZSTAN	PHILIPPINES
ARMENIA	ESTONIA	LATVIA	POLAND
AUSTRALIA	FINLAND	LEBANON	PORTUGAL
AUSTRIA	FRANCE	LIECHTENSTEIN	PUERTO RICO
AZERBAIJAN	GEORGIA	LITHUANIA	ROMANIA
BELARUS	GERMANY	LUXEMBOURG	SAN MARINO
BELGIUM	GHANA	MACEDONIA	SERBIA
BERMUDA	GREAT BRITAIN	MADAGASCAR	SINGAPORE
BOLIVIA	GREECE	MALAYSIA	SLOVAKIA
BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA	HONG KONG	MALTA	SLOVENIA
BRAZIL	HUNGARY	MEXICO	SOUTH AFRICA
BULGARIA	ICELAND	MOLDOVA	SOUTH KOREA
CANADA	INDIA	MONACO	SPAIN
CHILE	IRAN	MONGOLIA	SWEDEN
CHINA	IRELAND	MONTENEGRO	SWITZERLAND
CHINESE TAIPEI	ISRAEL	MOROCCO	THAILAND
COLOMBIA	ITALY	NETHERLANDS	TOGO
CROATIA	JAMAICA	NEW ZEALAND	TONGA
CYPRUS	JAPAN	NIGERIA	TURKEY
CZECH REPUBLIC	KAZAKHSTAN	NORTH KOREA	UKRAINE
DENMARK	KENYA	NORWAY	UNITED STATES
			UZBEKISTAN

*OAR – Olympic Athletes from Russia

Medal count

RANK	NATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1.	NORWAY	14	14	11	39
2.	GERMANY	14	10	7	31
3.	CANADA	11	8	10	29
4.	UNITED STATES	9	8	6	23
5.	NETHERLANDS	8	6	6	20
6.	SWEDEN	7	6	1	14
7.	SOUTH KOREA	5	8	4	17
8.	SWITZERLAND	5	6	4	15
9.	FRANCE	5	4	6	15
10.	AUSTRIA	5	3	6	14
11.	JAPAN	4	5	4	13
12.	ITALY	3	2	5	10
13.	OAR	2	6	9	17
14.	CZECH REPUBLIC	2	2	3	7
15.	BELARUS	2	1	0	3
16.	CHINA	1	6	2	9
17.	SLOVAKIA	1	2	0	3
18.	FINLAND	1	1	4	6
19.	GREAT BRITAIN	1	0	4	5
20.	POLAND	1	0	1	2
21.	HUNGARY	1	0	0	1
21.	UKRAINE	1	0	0	1
23.	AUSTRALIA	0	2	1	3
24.	SLOVENIA	0	1	1	2
25.	BELGIUM	0	1	0	1
26.	SPAIN	0	0	2	2
26.	NEW ZEALAND	0	0	2	2
28.	KAZAKHSTAN	0	0	1	1
28.	LATVIA	0	0	1	1
28.	LIECHTENSTEIN	0	0	1	1
		103	102	102	307

MAJOR STARS

Marcel HIRSCHER (AUT) – alpine skiing – 2 golds (total: 2-1-0)

Martin FOURCADE (FRA) – biathlon – 3 golds (total: 5-2-0)

Laura DAHLMEIER (GER) – biathlon – 2 golds and one bronze

Darya DOMRACHEVA (BUL) – biathlon – she won fourth gold (total: 4-1-1)

Francesco FRIEDRICH, Thorsten MARGIS (GER) – bobsleigh – two golds

Dario COLOGNA (SUI) – cross-country – he won 4th gold

Simen HEGSTAD KRÜGER (NOR) – cross-country – two golds, one silver

Martin JOHNSRUD SUNDBY (NOR) – cross-country – two golds, one silver (total: 2-2-1)

Johannes Høsflot KLÆBO (NOR) – cross-country – three golds

Ragnhild HAGA (NOR) – cross-country – 2 golds

Marit BJØRGEN (NOR) – cross-country – 2 golds,silver, 2 bronzes (total: 8-4-3)

Tessa VIRTUE, Scott MOIR (CAN) – figure skating – two golds (total: 3-2-0)

Natalie GEISENBERGER (GER) – luge – two golds (total: 4-0-1)

Tobias WENDL, Tobias ARLT (GER) – luge – two golds (total: 4-0-0)

Johannes RYDZEK (GER) – nordic combined – two golds (total: 2-1-1)

Eric FRENZEL (GER) – nordic combined – two golds, one bronze (total: 3-1-2)

CHOI Min-jeong (KOR) – short track – 2 golds

Ester LEDECKÁ (CZE) – snowboarding & alpine skiing – two golds

Kjeld NUIS (NED) – speed skating – 2 golds

Sven KRAMER (NED) – speed skating – gold and bronze (total: 4-2-2)

Ireen WÜST (NED) – speed skating – gold and 2 silvers (total: 5-5-1)

Nana TAKAGI (Japan) – speed skating – two golds

POLISH PARTICIPATION

62 competitors (36 men + 26 women) in 12 disciplines

GOLD MEDAL:
*Kamil STOCH – ski jumping (large hill individual)

BRONZE MEDAL:
*Maciej KOT, Stefan HULA, Dawid KUBACKI, Kamil STOCH – ski jumping (men's large hill team) - *photo below*

Other notable results

4 – Kamil Stoch (ski jumping – normal hill)

5 – Stefan Hula (ski jumping – normal hill)

6 – Monika Hojnisz (biathlon – individual)

7 – Krystyna Guzik, Magdalena Gwizdoń, Monika Hojnisz, Weronika Nowakowska (biathlon – team relay)
7 – Sylwia Jaśkowiec, Justyna Kowalczyk (cross-country skiing – women's team sprint)
7 – Katarzyna Bachleda-Curuś, Karolina Bosek, Natalia Czerwonka, Luiza Złotkowska (speed skating – women's team pursuit)

8 – Ewa Kuls-Kusyk, Maciej Kurowski, Wojciech Chmielewski, Jakub Kowalewski (luge - team relay)