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CHAIRMAN WELCOME

Winter sport has never been in a better place in the United Kingdom. Following on from the success in Sochi, PyeongChang 2018 is great time to be covering Team GB's winter athletes.

No event propels these sports into the limelight like an Olympic Winter Games and, as we aim to create further sporting history, PyeongChang 2018 is another opportunity to showcase the incredible skill and courage required to succeed at winter sports.

The work of the British Olympic Association, UK Sport and the sporting National Governing Bodies in preparing for PyeongChang 2018 has been focused on ensuring that every athlete has the best possible opportunity to win a gold medal.

We hope to make the nation proud as they unite behind Team GB and I'm sure you will join me in wishing these athletes the very best of luck.



Thank you for your support, which means so much to us and our athletes.

See you all in South Korea.

**Rt Hon Sir Hugh Robertson,
 Chairman of the British Olympic
 Association**

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“NO EVENT PROPELS THESE SPORTS INTO THE LIMELIGHT LIKE AN OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES.”

Sir Hugh Robertson

CEO FOREWORD

It doesn't feel that long ago we were stepping off the plane having returned from Rio de Janeiro having made history but once again Team GB are on the eve of a Games with ambitions of rewriting the record books.

There is a tremendous amount of talent in this team and we have every confidence their performances on the snow and ice of South Korea will inspire the nation once again.

For several years now, the British Olympic Association, working closely with our partners and stakeholders, have reviewed everything within our control in our preparations for these Games and we are confident of being the best prepared we can be to support Team GB athletes heading into PyeongChang 2018.

We thank you the media in advance for the great coverage and encouragement that you provide to Team GB in connecting the athletes to the nation.



These Games also represent the first of three Olympic Games in the Far East and our diligent planning for South Korea will no doubt provide invaluable experience as we continue our work towards Tokyo 2020 and Beijing 2022.

**Bill Sweeney,
 Chief Executive of the British Olympic
 Association**

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Bill Sweeney

CHEF DE MISSION FOREWORD

Welcome to PyeongChang and the Olympic Winter Games. At Sochi 2014 we saw Team GB equal its best ever medal haul of four and I'm confident that the class of 2018 can deliver for the nation once again here in South Korea.

Not only is this athlete delegation the largest we've ever taken to a Winter Olympics, I believe it's also the most talented team we've assembled with medal potential in more sports than previous Games.

To match the ambitions of the athletes, the HQ and support team we have is incredibly experienced and have helped put together a world-class set-up for the team in South Korea.

Unlike Sochi four years ago, as those of you who joined us in Russia will recall, PyeongChang will have a distinct winter climate across the Games with temperatures well into the minus degrees throughout. The Organising Committee have done a superb job to get the venues and facilities ready to welcome the world to PyeongChang and I'm sure you'll find the country as hospitable as I have done during my many visits.



The Olympic Winter Games is the showpiece event for all the sports making up Team GB for PyeongChang 2018 and represents the best opportunity to promote their athletes and talents to the rest of the country.

Your efforts in covering the Games and Team GB are of huge value to the athletes and sports and I know the positive exposure which will come from their efforts will be greatly appreciated.

Mike Hay,
Team GB Chef de Mission

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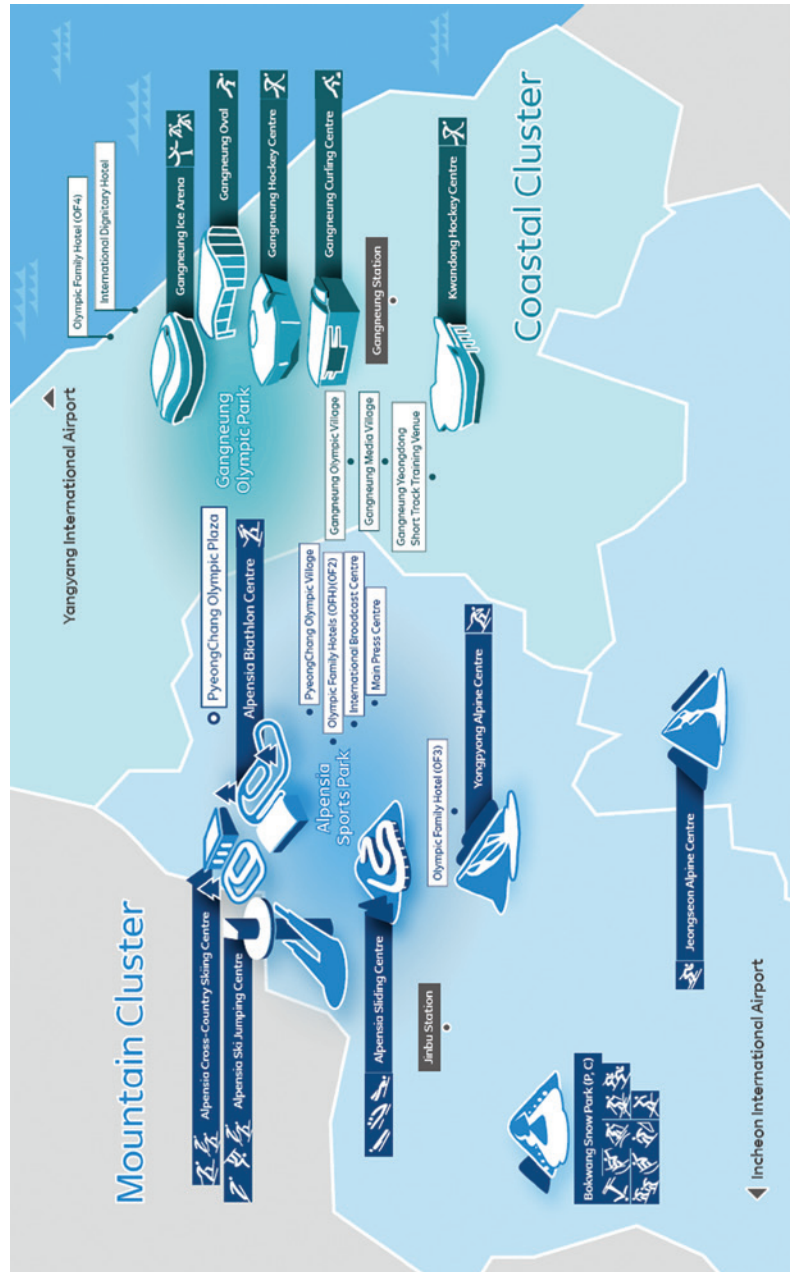
COMPETITION SCHEDULE

= Medal event

	FEBRUARY																		
	T 8	F 9	S 10	S 11	M 12	T 13	W 14	T 15	F 16	S 17	S 18	M 19	T 20	W 21	T 22	F 23	S 24	S 25	
Opening Ceremony																			
Alpine Skiing																			
Biathlon																			
Bobsleigh																			
Cross-Country Skiing																			
Curling																			
Figure Skating																			
Freestyle Skiing																			
Ice Hockey																			
Luge																			
Nordic Combined																			
Short Track Speed Skating																			
Skeleton																			
Ski Jumping																			
Snowboard																			
Speed Skating																			
Closing Ceremony																			

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Mike Hay



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WELCOME TO PYEONGCHANG 2018

Welcome to the PyeongChang 2018, where Team GB's largest winter Olympic athlete delegation arrives with hopes of delivering on their potential to make history across a bigger range of sports than ever before.

It's four years since Sochi when British athletes equalled their most successful medal return from the Chamonix 1924 Olympic Winter Games.

PyeongChang 2018 couldn't be more different from those first Games though, as only 16 nations took part in the French Alps, contesting 16 events in just six sports.

This year a record 102 gold medals will be up for grabs in 15 disciplines, while four events will be making their Olympic debuts, and the introduction of snowboarding big air gives



RECORD TEAM SIZE

The 59-strong athlete delegation travelling to PyeongChang is the largest Team GB have ever taken to an Olympic Winter Games.

The previous record was the 56 at Sochi 2014 while the fewest number of athletes ever to compete for Great Britain at a Winter Olympics was four at Lake Placid 1932.

the Games an increasingly youthful vibe.

Since Sochi, British athletes have continued to claim podium finishes and challenge the world's best at top international level across a range of sports.

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Team GB travel to Korea after an Olympic cycle that has seen our athletes achieve World Cup medals in alpine and Nordic skiing, backing up more established success in sliding sports, such as skeleton and bobsleigh, plus curling, short track speed skating, snowboarding, and freestyle skiing.

PYEONGCHANG 2018

Approximately 3,000 athletes from nearly 100 nations will compete at the first Olympic Winter Games staged on South Korean soil - with the Olympic flame returning to the country for the first time in 30 years.

These Games are the first of three Olympics to be staged in Asia, with Tokyo 2020 followed by Beijing 2022, the first time a summer host has staged the winter Games.

And South Korea is no stranger to welcoming international events, since the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, the nation has staged the 2002 FIFA World Cup, 2001 IAAF World Athletics Championships, three Asian Games and three Universiades.



There will be 13 venues with the Games split between PyeongChang and the neighbouring city of Gangneung, while a 50,000-capacity temporary Olympic Stadium will host the Opening and Closing ceremonies.

Organisers - who unsuccessfully bid for the 2010 and 2014 Olympic Winter Games - have delivered on their infrastructure promises, with a new bullet train linking PyeongChang with the capital Seoul, 110 miles to the west.

DID YOU KNOW?

1. PyeongChang lost the right to stage the 2010 and 2014 Games, to Vancouver and Sochi, by just three and four votes respectively. They beat Munich and Annecy for the right to host 2018 at the 123rd IOC Session in Durban.

2. Four new disciplines in existing sports will be introduced in PyeongChang, including snowboarding big air, mixed doubles curling, mass start speed skating and mixed team alpine skiing.

3. The organisers of the last two Games worried about a lack of snow but PyeongChang in February has an average temperature of -5, while at night it can get as cold as -20.

4. These are the first Olympic Winter Games to be staged in Asia since the Japanese city of Nagano hosted in 1998, where Team GB's four-man bobsleigh crew won bronze.

5. The official mascots for the Olympic and Paralympic Games are Soohorang, a white tiger, and Bandabi, an Asiatic black bear. The official slogan is 'Passion. Connected'.



TEAM GB FACTS & STATS

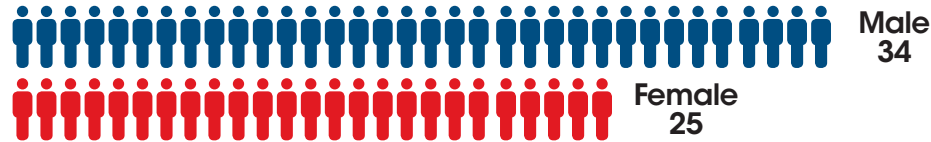


TEAM GB SIBLINGS:
Kyle and Cammy Smith (curling)

Thomas, Glen and Eve Muirhead (curling)

Molly and Katie Summerhayes (freestyle skiing)

TOTAL ATHLETES - 59



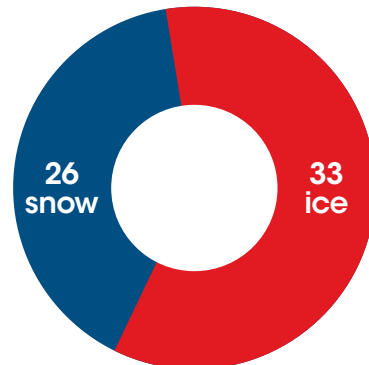
MOST OLYMPIC APPEARANCES:

4 - Zoe Gillings-Brier, snowboard cross



28 OLYMPIANS IN THE TEAM

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**36 YEARS
10 MONTHS
1 DAY**

OLDEST ATHLETE:
Kelly Schafer (curling)

**19 YEARS
7 MONTHS
19 DAYS**

YOUNGEST ATHLETE:
Izzy Atkin (freestyle skiing)



5 OLYMPIC MEDALLISTS IN THE TEAM

Vicki Adams (Sochi 2014 bronze, curling)
Lauren Gray (Sochi 2014 bronze, curling)
Eve Muirhead (Sochi 2014 bronze, curling)
Anna Sloan (Sochi 2014 bronze, curling)
Lizzy Yarnold (Sochi 2014 gold, skeleton)



TEAM GB ARE COMPETING IN

11

DISCIPLINES

- Alpine Skiing
- Biathlon
- Bobsleigh
- Cross-Country Skiing
- Curling
- Luge
- Figure Skating
- Freestyle Skiing
- Short Track Speed Skating
- Skeleton
- Snowboarding

TEAM GB PEONGCHANG 2018 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:

Laurie Taylor, alpine skiing - Feb 10 (22)

Lloyd Wallace, freestyle skiing - Feb 13 (23)

Andrew Young, cross-country skiing - Feb 21 (26)

Alexander Glavatsky-Yeadon, freestyle skiing - Feb 24 (24)

TEAM GB FLAGBEARERS

YEAR	CITY	FLAGBEARER OPENING CEREMONY	SPORT	FLAGBEARER CLOSING CEREMONY	SPORT
2014	Sochi	Jon Eley	Short Track	Lizzy Yarnold	Skeleton
2010	Vancouver	Shelley Rudman	Skeleton	Amy Williams	Skeleton
2006	Turin	Rhona Martin	Curling	Shelley Rudman	Skeleton
2002	Salt Lake City	Mike Dixon	Biathlon	Rhona Martin	Curling
1998	Nagano	Mike Dixon	Biathlon	Sean Olsson	Bobsleigh
1994	Lillehammer	Mike Dixon	Biathlon	Nicky Gooch	Short Track
1992	Albertville	Wilf O'Reilly	Speed Skating	Mark Tout	Bobsleigh
1988	Calgary	Nick Phipps	Bobsleigh	Mike Dixon	Biathlon
1984	Sarajevo	Christopher Dean	Figure Skating	Malcolm Lloyd	Bobsleigh
1980	Lake Placid	Jeremy Palmer-Tomkinson	Luge		
1976	Innsbruck	John Curry	Figure Skating		
1972	Sapporo	Mike Freeman	Bobsleigh		
1968	Grenoble	Robin Dixon	Bobsleigh		
1964	Innsbruck	Keith Schellenberg	Luge		
1960	Squaw Valley	John Moore	Biathlon		
1956	Cortina D'Ampezzo	Stuart Parkinson	Bobsleigh		
1952	Oslo	John Nicks	Figure Skating		
1948	St. Moritz	Henry Graham Sharp	Figure Skating		
1936	Garmisch-Partenkirchen	Frederick McEvoy	Bobsleigh		
1932	Lake Placid	Mollie Phillips	Figure Skating		
1928	St. Moritz				
1924	Chamonix	Colin Carruthers	Ice Hockey		

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HISTORICAL MEDAL TABLE

YEAR	CITY	T	M	W				T
2014	Sochi	56	33	23	1	1	2	4
2010	Vancouver	52	29	23	1	0	0	1
2006	Turin	39	23	16	0	1	0	1
2002	Salt Lake City	49	31	18	1	0	1	2
1998	Nagano	34	27	7	0	0	1	1
1994	Lillehammer	32	25	7	0	0	2	2
1992	Albertville	49	39	10	0	0	0	0
1988	Calgary	48	34	14	0	0	0	0
1984	Sarajevo	50	37	13	1	0	0	1
1980	Lake Placid	48	36	12	1	0	0	1
1976	Innsbruck	42	31	11	1	0	0	1
1972	Sapporo	37	30	7	0	0	0	0
1968	Grenoble	38	28	10	0	0	0	0
1964	Innsbruck	36	27	9	1	0	0	1
1960	Squaw Valley	17	11	6	0	0	0	0
1956	Cortina D'Ampezzo	41	31	10	0	0	0	0
1952	Oslo	18	8	10	1	0	0	1
1948	St. Moritz	55	43	12	0	0	2	2
1936	Garmisch-Partenkirchen	38	28	10	1	1	1	3
1932	Lake Placid	4	0	4	0	0	0	0
1928	St. Moritz	32	29	3	0	0	1	1
1924	Chamonix	32	29	3	1	1	2	4

T = Total GB competitors M = GB competitors - men W = GB competitors - women
 = Gold medals = Silver medals = Bronze medals = Total medals won

TEAM GB ALL-TIME MEDALLISTS

M = Men **W** = Women **M / W** = Mixed event
🥇 = Gold medal **🥈** = Silver medal **🥉** = Bronze medal

YEAR/CITY	SPORT	MEDALLIST
2014 Sochi	W Curling	🥉 Eve Muirhead, Anna Sloan, Vicki Adams, Claire Hamilton, Lauren Gray
	M Curling	🥈 David Murdoch, Greg Drummond, Scott Andrews, Michael Goodfellow, Tom Brewster
	W Skeleton	🥇 Lizzy Yarnold
	W Snowboard slopestyle	🥉 Jenny Jones
2010 Vancouver	W Skeleton	🥇 Amy Williams
2006 Turin	W Skeleton	🥈 Shelley Rudman
2002 Salt Lake City	W Curling	🥇 Rhona Martin, Deborah Knox, Fiona MacDonald, Janice Rankin, Margaret Morton
	W Skeleton	🥉 Alex Coomber
1998 Nagano	M Bobsleigh four-man	🥉 Sean Olsson, Dean Ward, Courtney Rumbolt, Paul Attwood
1994 Lillehammer	M / W Figure skating ice dance	🥉 Jayne Torvill, Christopher Dean
	M Short track men's 500m	🥉 Nicky Gooch
1984 Sarajevo	M / W Figure skating ice dance	🥇 Jayne Torvill, Christopher Dean
1980 Lake Placid	M Figure skating	🥇 Robin Cousins
1976 Innsbruck	M Figure skating	🥇 John Curry
1964 Innsbruck	M Bobsleigh two-man	🥇 Anthony Nash, Robin Dixon
1952 Oslo	W Figure skating	🥇 Jeannette Altwegg
1948 St. Moritz	W Figure skating	🥉 Jeannette Altwegg
	M Skeleton	🥉 John Crammond
1936 Garmisch-Partenkirchen	M Ice hockey	🥇 Great Britain
	W Figure skating	🥈 Cecilia Colledge
	M Bobsleigh four-man	🥉 Frederick McEvoy, James Cardno, Guy Dugdale, Charles Green
1928 St. Moritz	M Skeleton	🥉 David Carnegie
1924 Chamonix	M Curling	🥇 Great Britain
	M Bobsleigh four-man	🥈 Thomas Arnold, Ralph Broome, Alex Richardson, Rodney Soher
	W Figure skating	🥉 Ethel Muckelt
	M Ice hockey	🥉 Great Britain

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ATHLETES' COMMISSION

The British Olympic Association's Athletes' Commission is a committee of the BOA Board created specifically to bring the perspective and expertise of our athletes to the many initiatives and programmes operated by the BOA.

These include kit, qualification standards, accreditation, athlete welfare, marketing and communications, and the Athletes' Commission plays a key role in the build-up to any Olympic and Olympic Winter Games. This important working relationship ensures the athlete's needs are put at the heart of all we do.

BOA ATHLETES' COMMISSION MEMBERS

BEN HAWES

Chair
Hockey
Games: 2004, 2008, 2012

ADAM PENGILLY

Ex Officio Member
IOC Athletes' Commission
Skeleton
Games: 2006, 2010

ERIC BOATENG

Basketball
Games: 2012

ADAM GEMILI

Athletics
Games: 2012, 2016

JON ELEY

Short Track Speed Skating
Games: 2006, 2010, 2014

DAME KATHERINE GRAINGER

Rowing
Games: 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016

SARAH GOSLING

Sailing
Games: 2004, 2008

JAMES RODWELL

Rugby Sevens
Games: 2016

CLAIRE HAMILTON

Curling
Games: 2014

JOANNA ROWSELL SHAND

Cycling
Games: 2012, 2016

NATHAN ROBERTSON

Badminton
Games: 2000, 2004, 2008

LIZZIE SIMMONDS

Swimming
Games: 2008, 2012

GOLDIE SAYERS

Athletics
Games: 2004, 2008, 2012

LIZZY YARNOLD

Skeleton
Games: 2014, 2018

AMBITION PROGRAMME

The British Olympic Association's Ambition Programme will give seven young athletes and support staff, who aspire to compete at Beijing 2022, a first-hand experience of the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games.

The Ambition Programme, which is kindly supported by Toyota, offers a unique insider experience of an Olympic environment. The selected group from figure skating and skeleton will travel to South Korea over seven days to visit competition venues and the Olympic Villages. They will learn about what competing for Team GB will be like and how they can best prepare over the next four years.

The programme was first delivered for Beijing 2008 in preparation for London 2012, and is designed to replicate a 'first Games' experience with the aim of improving subsequent individual performances and overall medal success.

Of the five Olympic Games prior to Beijing

2008, just over a third of Team GB's gold medalists came from first-time Olympians. This rose by 10% after 105 athletes took part in the Beijing 2008 Ambition Programme when 43 went on to compete at London 2012, including Jonny Brownlee, Charlotte Dujardin and Peter Wilson, winning a total of nine medals across eight sports.

For London 2012, 130 athletes and 56 coaches from summer and winter sports were selected as part of the Ambition Programme. All four of Team GB's medals at Sochi 2014 were contributed to by these Ambition Programme athletes and coaches, including Lizzy Yarnold and Jenny Jones and athletes from each curling team. Ambition Programme alumni continued success at Rio 2016, where athletes went on to win 33 medals.

And most of all, the athletes and coaches will no doubt leave this experience even more inspired and motivated to be part of Team GB and realise their own performance goals as they work towards Beijing 2022.

AMBITION PROGRAMME ATHLETES

LEWIS GIBSON
Figure Skating

LILAH FEAR
Figure Skating

GRAHAM NEWBERRY
Figure Skating

NICK RUSSELL
Figure Skating (judge)

JAMES HOWARD
Skeleton (coach)

MADELAINE SMITH
Skeleton

MARCUS WYATT
Skeleton

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ALPINE SKIING

INTRODUCTION

Alpine skiing has been part of the Olympic Winter Games programme since Garmisch-Partenkirchen 1936.

Both men and women compete in five disciplines – downhill, slalom, giant slalom, super-giant slalom (super-G) and combined – with the mixed-gender alpine team event added to the programme for PyeongChang 2018.

Austria are Olympic alpine skiing's most successful nation with 34 gold medals – 14 more than nearest rivals Switzerland – among their 114 podium places.

Downhill events are traditionally known as the blue-riband event of the Winter Olympics and Germany's Katja Seizinger is the only athlete to ever defend the title.

Norwegian Kjetil André Aamodt has won eight medals – four gold, two silver and two bronze – more than any other alpine skier at the Olympics.

Team GB have never won an Olympic alpine skiing medal, though Alain Baxter claimed slalom bronze at Salt Lake City 2002.

He was later stripped of his medal, a decision he failed to overturn despite the strong support of the British Olympic Association and his national governing body.

Gina Hathorn narrowly missed out on a medal when competing for Team GB at Grenoble 1968, finishing fourth in the women's slalom, just three hundredths of a second outside bronze.

Martin Bell, whose brother Graham competed at five Winter Games and is now a commentator for the BBC, finished eighth in the men's downhill at Calgary 1988 but Felicity Field's sixth place in the women's downhill in 1968 remains the best British performance in the discipline.

Coming into PyeongChang, a number of skiers will be looking to defend titles, including in-form American skier Mikaela Shiffrin who won gold in the slalom at Sochi 2014.



FACT FILE

VENUE: Yongpyong Alpine Centre (slalom and giant slalom, team events) & Jeongseon Alpine Centre (speed events)

GOLD MEDALS AVAILABLE: 11

DATES: February 11-24

NUMBER OF TEAM GB ATHLETES:
Men 2 Women 2

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TEAM GB AT PYEONGCHANG 2018

The Team GB squad will be expertly led by Dave Ryding, who shocked the alpine skiing world when he claimed Great Britain's first World Cup skiing podium for 36 years with slalom silver in Kitzbühel in January 2017.

Slalom-specialist Ryding began the Olympic season in promising form too, raising hopes of a first British winner of an alpine World Cup event when he led after the first run in Levi – before unfortunately crashing out on the second while comfortably leading. He also just missed out on a medal in January, placing fourth at the slalom city event in Oslo, 12 months on from doing likewise in Stockholm.

DID YOU KNOW?

Dave Ryding learnt to ski on a dry slope and didn't ski on snow until he was 12.

The Brit takes plenty of Olympic experience with him to PyeongChang, having competed in both the slalom and giant slalom on his Games debut at Vancouver 2010 before placing 17th in the slalom four years later in Sochi.

Ryding is joined by Charlie Guest, Alex Tilley and Laurie Taylor, who will all be looking to gain valuable experience at their maiden Olympic Winter Games.

For Guest, selection continues a remarkable comeback after she suffered a broken back in a career-threatening crash on the slopes in late 2014.

Like Guest, Tilley and Taylor are both rising British stars in the sport with all three having competed at World Championship level in the last few seasons.

COMPETITION FORMAT

Eleven alpine skiing medals are available at the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games, with men and women both competing in the same five disciplines in addition to the team event.

Slalom ski races have courses that require short, tight turns, whereas giant slalom races have courses which are set with more widely spaced turns.

Both are considered technical events and the winner is decided after timings from two runs – held on the same day – are added together.

Downhill and super-G have fewer turns, the courses have gates spaced widely apart and skiers often reach speeds of over 80mph, hence they are designated speed events and are decided over a single run.

The combined event is designed to discover the best all-round skier with competitors judged over one run of downhill and one run of slalom and their time combined. History shows that the winner is not necessarily the fastest skier in either of the two disciplines.

In the second runs of races, the skiers with the fastest 30 times from run one start first, in reverse order. Finishing in this first group of 30 is known as 'making the flip' and ensures use of the better

“THIS TIME I’M RANKED IN THE TOP 15 AND THAT’S WHERE THE MEDALS USUALLY COME FROM. I’VE HAD SOME GOOD RESULTS RECENTLY AND I CAN BUILD ON THAT.”

Dave Ryding

conditions for run two. Once all 30 have skied down, they are followed by the rest of the field starting with the 31st fastest racer from run one.

The rules are the same for men and women, but the courses differ. Downhill is raced over the longest course while slalom is the shortest, with the number of gates ranging between 56 and 70 for men and 46 to 58 for women.

The team event sees 16 teams of four competitors (two male and two female) competing in a single elimination tournament.

Racing in a parallel format, an individual from one country will face another skier of the same gender from an opposing country in a head-to-head race down a slalom course, on which giant slalom

DID YOU KNOW?

PyeongChang 2018 will see the alpine team event make its Olympic debut and is the only mixed alpine skiing discipline.

gates are spaced 10m apart. Teams score one point for a race win.

Alpine skiing events are spread evenly across the Olympic programme with reserve days in case of unsuitable weather conditions.

Because of the speeds involved, three training runs are held before downhill events but in other events only a one-hour visual inspection of the course, the morning of the race, is allowed.



TEAM GB AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES

Team GB are yet to win an Olympic alpine skiing medal

EVENTS SCHEDULE

M = Men's events **W** = Women's events **M/W** = Mixed event **🏆** = Medal event

DATE	TIME	EVENT
11 Feb	11:00-13:05	M 🏆 Downhill
12 Feb	10:15-11:55	W Giant slalom run 1
	13:45-15:35	W 🏆 Giant slalom run 2
13 Feb	11:30-13:10	M Alpine combined run 1
	15:00-16:25	M 🏆 Alpine combined run 2
14 Feb	10:15-11:50	W Slalom run 1
	13:45-15:25	W 🏆 Slalom run 2
15 Feb	11:00-13:10	M 🏆 Super-G
17 Feb	11:00-12:55	W 🏆 Super-G
18 Feb	10:15-12:10	M Giant slalom run 1
	13:45-15:45	M 🏆 Giant slalom run 2
21 Feb	11:00-12:50	W 🏆 Downhill
22 Feb	10:15-12:10	M Slalom run 1
	13:45-15:40	M 🏆 Slalom run 2
23 Feb	11:00-12:25	W Alpine combined run 1
	14:30-15:45	W 🏆 Alpine combined run 2
24 Feb	11:00-12:55	M/W 🏆 Alpine Team Event

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Team GB will compete in the women's slalom, men's slalom and giant slalom and alpine team event

ATHLETE PROFILES

CHARLIE GUEST



Event: Slalom
Age: 24 (30.12.1993)
Born: Perth, Scotland
Hometown: Perth, Scotland
Club: Scottish Ski Club
Coach: Noel Baxter
Previous Games attended: None

Charlie Guest will be making her Olympic Winter Games debut in PyeongChang, although it may never have happened after the Scot suffered a career-threatening crash on the slopes in late 2014 which left her with four broken vertebrae.

She was back on the snow a mere six weeks later and victory in the ladies slalom at the 2016 British Championships marked the culmination of an 18-month journey back to full fitness.

A skier since the age of three, she had already served notice of her talents when, aged 14, she became the first British girl to win an international children's race.

Guest successfully defended her British slalom title in 2017 while she continued her progression at World Cup level this season to earn qualification for PyeongChang.

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DAVE RYDING



Event: Slalom
Age: 31 (05.12.1986)
Born: Chorley
Hometown: Leyland
Club: Kandahar Ski Club
Coach: Tristan Glasse-Davies
Previous Games attended: Sochi 2014, Vancouver 2010

Dave Ryding equalled Great Britain's best-ever World Cup finish in January 2017 when he won slalom silver in Kitzbühel – matching Konrad Bartelski's second place in the downhill in Italy in 1981.

Ryding almost made another trip to the podium in Stockholm in the parallel slalom a week later but finished an agonising fourth, just 0.06 seconds off a bronze medal.

He achieved five top-ten slalom finishes and ended the campaign ranked eighth in the world. This season Ryding has also impressed, including finishing fourth in the Oslo slalom city event last month.

Ryding competed at the Vancouver and Sochi Olympic Winter Games, finishing 17th in the slalom in Russia, and achieved his highest World Championship placing in 2017, when he came 11th.

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Laurie Taylor



Event: Slalom
Age: 22 (10.02.1996)
Born: Basingstoke
Hometown: Basingstoke
Club: British Ski Academy
Coach: Stefan Leitner
Previous Games attended: None

PyeongChang 2018 will not be the first time Laurie Taylor has pulled on the Team GB colours, having competed in the slalom and giant slalom at the 2013 European Youth Olympic Games in Brasov.

Taylor has continued to progress since then, finishing 33rd in the slalom event at last year's Alpine World Championships in St. Moritz.

This season he raced on both the Europa Cup and World Cup circuits in order to secure qualification for his maiden Games.

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Alex Tilley



Event: Giant slalom, slalom
Age: 24 (05.10.1993)
Born: Torphins
Hometown: Torphins
Club: Gordons Skiers
Coach: Noel Baxter
Previous Games attended: None

A regular competitor on the World Cup circuit, Alex Tilley recorded a career-best result of 13th in the giant slalom in Courchevel in December - all great preparation for her Olympic Winter Games debut in PyeongChang.

The achievement continued a steady progression on the slopes for the rising star, who first strapped on a pair of skis aged eight and left school at 16 to pursue her sporting ambitions.

She has competed in the slalom and giant slalom at two senior World Championships in 2015 and 2017, with her best finish being 24th in the slalom event in Vail three years ago.

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Dan Hunt



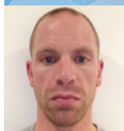
Games Time Role: Ski and Snowboard Team Leader

Reinhard FERNSEBNER



Games Time Role: Alpine Team Leader

Noel Baxter



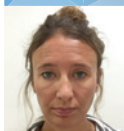
Games Time Role: Coach

Tristan Glasse-Davies



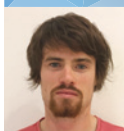
Games Time Role: Coach

Sophie Morrison



Games Time Role: Team Manager

Ali Morton



Games Time Role: Wax Technician

Tadej Platošek



Games Time Role: Wax Technician

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BIATHLON

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INTRODUCTION

The word biathlon comes from the Greek word 'bi' meaning two and 'athlon' meaning contest, with PyeongChang 2018 set to be the sport's 16th official appearance on the Olympic schedule.

Biathlon has its origins in the ancient hunting practices of northern Europeans and involves athletes combining skiing and shooting. Military patrol featured at the first Olympic Winter Games at Chamonix 1924 but was a demonstration event at three Games thereafter before biathlon's debut at Squaw Valley 1960.

The number of events has grown from one, the men's individual, in 1960, to 11 with women competing for the first time at Albertville 1992. Sochi 2014 marked the first time that a mixed relay event was contested at the Olympics.

Ole Einar Bjørndalen is the most successful Winter Olympian with 13 medals – eight gold, four silver and one bronze.

At Vancouver 2010 Bjørndalen surpassed German Uschi Disl's record Olympic biathlon medal haul of nine, while in Sochi he won two more titles to better cross-country skier Bjørn Dæhlie's overall record Olympic tally of 12. He missed out on selection for PyeongChang.

Despite Bjørndalen's successes, it is Germany and not Norway who are the most successful country at the Olympics while Team GB are one of only six countries to have fielded athletes at every Games since the sport's debut.

Mike Dixon, Team GB's most experienced Winter Olympian, competed at six Games, five of which came in biathlon from 1988 to 2002. His first appearance, at Sarajevo 1984, was in cross-country skiing.



DID YOU KNOW?

Norwegian biathlete Ole Einar Bjørndalen is the most decorated Winter Olympian of all time having won 13 medals, including an incredible eight golds, across five Games. He missed out on selection for the Norway team for PyeongChang 2018.

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TEAM GB AT PYEONGCHANG 2018

Britain will have one female athlete in biathlon at PyeongChang 2018, continuing a strong tradition of having entrants compete in the sport since its inception.

Amanda Lightfoot will be the individual flying the flag for her country and returns for her second Olympic Winter Games after finishing 75th in the sprint and 71st in the 15km individual in Sochi.

In making her debut four years ago, she became the second ever female British biathlete to compete at an Olympic Winter Games having started the sport through the military aged 19.

Before Lightfoot, Emma Fowler had previously represented Team GB at Turin 2006. She also came from a military background.

Following Sochi 2014, Lightfoot has continued to represent Great Britain on the international stage with her best result coming when she placed 32nd in the 15km individual competition at the 2017 World Championships in Hochfilzen.

COMPETITION FORMAT

There are five biathlon disciplines at the Olympic Winter Games, which provide 11 medal events: individual, sprint, pursuit, mass start and relay.

Men and women compete separately in each event but join forces in the mixed relay, set to be held for a second time following its Olympic Games debut at Sochi 2014.

Athletes shoot at targets from 50 metres with target sizes 115mm in diameter for standing and 45mm for prone, where they lie on their front.

The individual competition is the original and traditional style biathlon race over 20km for men and 15km for women with four shooting lanes. Athletes start at intervals of 30 seconds and choose their own starting lane.

FACT FILE

VENUE: Alpensia Biathlon Centre

GOLD MEDALS AVAILABLE: 11

DATES: February 10-23

NUMBER OF TEAM GB ATHLETES:
1 Woman

The first and third shoots are prone while the second and fourth are standing. Every target of the five missed leads to a one-minute penalty.

The sprint is a shorter version of the individual event over 10km for men and 7.5km for women.

There are just two shooting stages – one prone and one standing – and for every missed target a 150m penalty loop must be undertaken.

The top 60 finishers of the sprint – both men's and women's – qualify for the pursuit which is a staggered start dependant on an athlete's time in the sprint.

The sprint winner starts the race followed by each athlete at the same time they trailed them. Covering 12.5km for men and 10km for women, this event reverts back to four shooting stages but with the first two prone and second two standing. A 150m penalty loop is also undertaken for a missed target.

The mass start covers 15km for men and 12.5km for women with the 30 highest ranked athletes from the previous three events starting together simultaneously and taking their place in the shooting range dependent on their start number.

Athletes line up at the remaining shooting stages dependent on the order in which they arrived at the firing line. The first two are prone and the second two standing, with the 150m penalty loop for a missed target still applying.

There are three relay events – a men's 4x7.5km, a women's 4x6km and a mixed race.

“I’M LOOKING TO GET THE BEST EVER RESULT FOR A BRITISH FEMALE BIATHLETE OUT IN PYEONGCHANG.”

Amanda Lightfoot

TEAM GB AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES

Team GB are yet to win an Olympic biathlon medal

EVENTS SCHEDULE

M = Men’s events **W** = Women’s events **M / W** = Mixed event = Medal event

DATE	TIME	EVENT
10 Feb	20:15-21:45	W 7.5km sprint
11 Feb	20:15-21:55	M 10km sprint
12 Feb	19:10-20:00	W 10km pursuit
	21:00-21:55	M 12.5km pursuit
14 Feb	20:05-22:00	W 15km individual
15 Feb	20:00-22:00	M 20km individual
17 Feb	20:15-21:10	W 12.5km mass start
18 Feb	20:15-21:15	M 15km mass start
20 Feb	20:15-21:45	M / W Mixed relay
22 Feb	20:15-21:45	W 4x6km relay
23 Feb	20:15-21:45	M 4x7.5km relay

Team GB will compete in the women’s events

ATHLETE PROFILE

AMANDA LIGHTFOOT



Age: 31 (30.01.1987)
Born: Coventry
Hometown: South Shields/Lillehammer
Previous Games attended: Sochi 2014

Amanda Lightfoot started skiing through the military in 2006 and began competing internationally in 2008.

She underwent a knee operation in April 2013 before making her Olympic Winter Games debut at Sochi 2014.

Finishing 75th and 71st in the 7.5km sprint and 15km individual, Lightfoot has seen improvements since that display, with her personal best coming at the 2017 World Championships in Hochfilzen, finishing 32nd in the 15km individual event.

Lightfoot is the second British female biathlete to compete at Olympic level following Emma Fowler at Turin 2006.

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SARAH GREIG



Games Time Role: Team Leader

ILARIO MADDALIN



Games Time Role: Wax Technician

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BOBSLEIGH

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INTRODUCTION

Bobsleigh has been contested at every Olympic Winter Games apart from Squaw Valley 1960, when the prohibitive cost of building a track was ruled out by organisers. The two-man competition was introduced at Lake Placid 1932 and women made their debut at Salt Lake City 2002. Germany are the most successful nation in Olympic history with ten golds and 21 medals in total.

Team GB won four-man silver at the inaugural Games in Chamonix in 1924 and followed up with bronze 12 years later in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

Nearly three decades passed before another British podium success when Tony Nash and Robin Dixon won gold in the two-man event at Innsbruck 1964.

Team GB's next success came at Nagano 1998, with pilot Sean Olsson and crew Dean Ward, Courtney Rumbolt and Paul Attwood securing a share of bronze with France in the four-man event.

Bobsleigh teams include a brakeman and a pilot in the two-man and two-woman events while two crewmen or pushers are added for the four-man race. Since Sochi 2014 new rules now allow women to compete in the four-man event.

From a standing start, the crew pushes the sled in unison up to 50 metres before jumping aboard and the sled can reach speeds in excess of 150km/h, while some turns subject the crews to as much as 5g of g-force.

Athletes need strong nerves and a good sense of balance with pilots trained to develop a good eye and touch – the slightest adjustment on the inner steering rope can be crucial.

DID YOU KNOW?
The name bobsled comes from the early racers bobbing their heads up and down in order to increase their speed.

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TEAM GB AT PYEONGCHANG 2018

Team GB will field two four-man, one two-man and one two-woman crew in PyeongChang.

With World Cup medals secured in the current season, both four-man pilots Lamin Deen and Brad Hall come into the Olympic Winter Games in form.

Deen – pushed by Ben Simons, Toby Olubi and Andrew Matthews – won silver at the World Cup in Whistler, Canada, in November.

That came just a week after Brad Hall – powered by Bruce Tasker, Joel Fearon and Greg Cackett – slid to a bronze medal in Park City, Utah.

That result was Great Britain's first World Cup medal in nearly four years, since John Jackson won silver in the 2013-14 World Cup season.

Jackson's crew had included Fearon, with that quartet also competing at Sochi 2014, meaning Fearon already has Olympic experience under his belt.

Deen, Matthews and Simons also competed at Sochi 2014 – alongside John Baines – racing to 19th in the four-man competition while Deen finished 23rd in the two-man with Baines. Nick Gleeson makes his Games debut.

In the women's event, Mica McNeill makes her senior Olympic debut having already experienced a Youth Olympic Games six years ago.

McNeill piloted Jazmin Sawyers to a silver medal, before going on to win the World Junior Championships in 2017, alongside PyeongChang crewmate Mica Moore.

In November last year, they secured the best result for British women on the World Cup stage in eight years when they finished fifth in Whistler.

The duo are following in the footsteps of former junior world champions Paula Walker and Rebekah Wilson, who won in February 2011 before going on to represent Team GB at Sochi 2014.

DID YOU KNOW?
Five-time Olympic champion rower Sir Steve Redgrave spent two seasons on the British bobsleigh team in the late 80s and early 90s but never competed in an Olympic Winter Games.

COMPETITION FORMAT

Bobsleigh events are staged over two days, with two runs staged on each day. The four runs are timed to 0.01 seconds and the fastest total time determines the medallists and finishing positions.

If two teams complete the competition in a tie, they are awarded the same place. The starting order for the first run is considered crucial, with a definite advantage to being among the first down the track while the ice is still fresh.

World rankings are used to give the top

“WHEN YOU SEE US OUT THERE IN PYEONGCHANG, IT WILL BE THE BEST PEOPLE IN THE BEST PLACES AND I'M SO CONFIDENT THAT WE'RE GOING TO DO OUR COUNTRY PROUD.”

Joel Fearon

“I TRULY BELIEVE WE CAN WIN AN OLYMPIC MEDAL, WHETHER IT IS IN THIS CYCLE OR THE NEXT.”

Mica McNeill

ranked sliders the benefit of an early start number. For the second run, the competitors start in reverse order of their time from the first run.

There are two groups: the fastest 20 from the first run are in the first group, again giving them the optimum conditions.

In the first group, the slowest competitors go first and the fastest competitor goes last. In the second group, the fastest competitor goes first, i.e. 21st down the track.

FACT FILE

VENUE: Olympic Sliding Centre

GOLD MEDALS AVAILABLE: 3

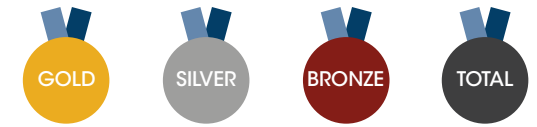
DATES: February 18-25

NUMBER OF TEAM GB ATHLETES:
Men 8 Women 2

Strict rules govern the weight of sled and crew with all equipment carefully inspected by officials before each run.



TEAM GB AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES



TOTAL AT OLYMPICS

EVENTS SCHEDULE

M = Men's events W = Women's events 🏅 = Medal event

DATE	TIME	EVENT
18 Feb	20:05-22:45	M 2-man heats 1 & 2
19 Feb	20:15-23:00	M 🏅 2-man heats 3 & 4
20 Feb	20:50-22:45	W Heat 1 & 2
21 Feb	20:40-23:00	W 🏅 Heat 3 & 4
24 Feb	09:30-12:00	M 4-man heat 1 & 2
25 Feb	09:30-12:30	M 🏅 4-man heat 3 & 4

ATHLETE PROFILES

SAM BLANCHET



Age: 25 (05.08.1992)
Born: Montreal, Canada
Hometown: Exeter
Previous Games attended: None

Before turning to bobsleigh in the summer of 2016, Sam Blanchet previously excelled at rugby union, even playing professionally for Exeter Chiefs and Bedford Blues as well as turning out for England on the international sevens circuit.

On the ice, he made his British bobsleigh bow in November 2016 before making his first World Cup appearance a month later, placing 19th in the two-man event in Whistler.

Blanchet made the World Championship squad in his first season, partnering Brad Hall to 28th in the two-man competition in Königssee in 2017.

He is a travelling reserve for the men's squad in PyeongChang.

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GREG CACKETT



Age: 28 (14.11.1989)
Born: Redhill
Hometown: Betchworth
Previous Games attended: None

Greg Cackett only joined the GB Bobsleigh set up in 2016 after, like many before him, making the switch from elite level athletics.

The Belgrave Harrier has a best time over 100m of 10.24s and a best 60m effort of 6.65s, and he put that speed to good use when making his GB bobsleigh debut in Königssee in December 2016.

He made the World Championship squad in his first season on the ice and won his first medal when pushing Brad Hall, Joel Fearon and Bruce Tasker to bronze at Park City in November 2017.

His rise to the top of the sport was complete when he was selected for his first Olympic Winter Games appearance at PyeongChang 2018.

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LAMIN DEEN



Age: 36 (17.06.1981)
Born: London
Hometown: Manchester
Previous Games attended: Sochi 2014

Lamin Deen followed the well-trodden path from sprinter to bobsleigh athlete and has enjoyed considerable success in his new sport.

The London-born athlete has served with the Grenadier Guards in Bosnia and Kosovo, making his Olympic Winter Games debut at Sochi 2014, where he finished 19th in the four-man and 23rd in the two-man.

At the 2015 World Championships Deen and his team of Ben Simons, Bruce Tasker and Andrew Matthews finished fifth overall.

He secured the first major medal of his career with silver in the four-man at the Whistler World Cup last November.

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MONTPELL DOUGLAS



Age: 32 (24.01.1986)
Born: Lewisham
Hometown: Lewisham
Previous Games attended: Beijing 2008

Montpell Douglas switched to bobsleigh in the summer of 2016 after a stellar athletics career which saw her represent Team GB at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, competing in both

the 100m and 4x100m relay, reaching the final in the latter. She also won 4x100m gold at the Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games.

Douglas' first bobsleigh race then came in mid-January 2017, just a few days after first taking to the ice in a sled.

A top-ten finish on her World Cup debut that month was followed by seventh in St. Moritz and then Europa Cup victory alongside Mica McNeill in Winterberg - Britain's first EC gold in seven years.

Douglas is the travelling reserve for the women's squad.

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JOEL FEARON



Age: 29 (11.10.1988)
Born: Coventry
Hometown: Loughborough
Previous Games attended: Sochi 2014

In 2016, Joel Fearon became the seventh Brit to run 100m in under ten seconds and still competes in both athletics and bobsleigh.

Fearon took up bobsleigh in 2011 and two years later helped Great Britain win their first four-man World Cup medal in 16 years, when they claimed silver at Lake Placid before also adding European silver the same year.

Sochi 2014 marked Fearon's Olympic debut and, two years later, he and Bruce Tasker made history as they secured Great Britain's best two-man result at a World Championships for 50 years, finishing fourth in Igls.

In November 2017 he helped the four-man team to bronze in Park City and was subsequently selected for his second Games at PyeongChang 2018.

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NICK GLEESON



Age: 21 (18.10.1996)
Born: Epsom
Hometown: Epsom
Previous Games attended: None

Nick Gleeson makes his Olympic Winter Games debut in PyeongChang, two years after his maiden bobsleigh appearance for Great Britain.

That same year he was given the Novice Award at the 2016 British Championships following his performances on the ice.

A member of the 3rd Battalion Parachute Regiment, Gleeson made his World Cup debut this season, recording three top-ten finishes in the four-man competitions, including placing ninth in Whistler in November.

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BRAD HALL



Age: 27 (16.11.1990)
Born: Chichester
Hometown: Crawley
Previous Games attended: None

Brad Hall began his bobsleigh journey in 2012 having formerly been an athlete - competing in the decathlon for Crawley Athletics Club.

After competing at the 2012 and 2014 Junior World Championships, Hall has gone through the Accelerated Driver Programme and registered his first top-20 finish on his World Cup debut in 2015.

On course to pilot the four-man crew to a World Championship medal in 2017, Hall crashed in the second run but won a first World Cup medal with bronze in Whistler, in November 2017.

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ANDREW MATTHEWS



Age: 33 (26.10.1984)
Born: Slough
Hometown: Chigwell
Previous Games attended: Sochi 2014

Andrew Matthews made his Olympic bow at Sochi 2014 when he served as the brakeman in the GB2 four-man team, finishing in 19th.

Matthews is a former sprinter and enjoyed plenty of success as a junior, where he was national and European 60m champion.

In November 2017 he helped Lamin Deen to World Cup silver in Whistler and was subsequently selected for his second Olympic Winter Games appearance at PyeongChang 2018.

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MICA McNEILL



Age: 24 (25.09.1993)
Born: Consett
Hometown: Consett
Previous Games attended: None

Having joined the programme in 2010, Mica McNeill has established herself as one of Britain's leading drivers.

The former County Durham netballer and hockey player competed at the 2012 Youth Olympic Games in Innsbruck, winning a silver medal alongside Jazmin Sawyers.

McNeill's successful career has snowballed since then and she went on to taste North American Cup success when she won gold in Calgary in 2012.

McNeill enjoyed double success in January 2017, winning World Junior Championship gold with Mica Moore, two days after claiming Europa Cup glory with Montell Douglas.

In November 2017, she and Moore finished fifth at the Whistler World Cup - the best result for British women in more than eight years.

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MICA MOORE



Age: 25 (23.11.1992)
Born: Cardiff
Hometown: Cardiff
Previous Games attended: None

A former 60m sprint champion for Wales, Mica Moore joined GB Bobsleigh in the summer of 2016 and made her competitive debut on the North American Cup circuit that November.

Her World Cup debut in December 2016 saw her finish eighth and she was seventh in the European Championships the following January.

World Junior Championship gold followed later that month as she and Mica McNeill became the country's first female junior world champions since Paula Walker and Rebekah Wilson triumphed in Park City, in 2011.

Her first appearance at a senior World Championships came in February 2017, when she placed 16th with McNeill in Königssee.

In November the pair finished fifth at the Whistler World Cup, earning the best result in more than eight years for a British women's bobsleigh team. PyeongChang 2018 will be her Olympic Winter Games debut.

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TOBY OLUBI



Age: 30 (24.09.1987)
Born: London
Hometown: Gloucester
Previous Games attended: None

Answering an open invite from British Bobsleigh, Toby Olubi joined the set up in June 2013 after meeting the minimum requirements in his very first testing session.

After success on the North American Cup circuit, Olubi missed the 2015/16 season with injury but bounced back with Europa Cup medals and World Cup appearances the following year.

He won his first World Cup medal with silver behind pilot Lamin Deen in November 2017 - in Whistler - and was selected for his Olympic Winter Games debut at PyeongChang 2018.

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BEN SIMONS



Age: 31 (13.11.1986)
Born: Shrewsbury
Hometown: Broseley
Previous Games attended: Sochi 2014

Ben Simons joined GB Bobsleigh in 2012 after spotting a Talent ID poster on a noticeboard at the University of Wales Institute Cardiff, where he competed in athletics.

After impressing on the GB Bobsleigh's Accelerated Driver Programme, Simons made his Olympic debut at Sochi 2014, placing 19th in the four-man before going on to finish fifth at the World Championships 12 months later.

A well-seasoned competitor, Simons competed at his fourth World Championships in February 2017 and pushed Lamin Deen to World Cup silver in Whistler ten months later. PyeongChang 2018 will represent Simons' second Olympic Winter Games appearance.

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CHRISTOPHER PRICE



Games Time Role: Team Leader

LEE JOHNSTON



Games Time Role: Head Coach

THOMAS DE LA HUNTY



Games Time Role: Coach

MICHAEL KHMEL



Games Time Role: Coach

PETR RAMSEIDL



Games Time Role: Coach

RAPHAEL RINALDI



Games Time Role: Physio

CHRISTOPHER WOOLLEY



Games Time Role: Coach

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CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

INTRODUCTION

Cross-country skiing was one of the original sports at the very first Olympic Winter Games at Chamonix 1924 although a women's event did not appear until Oslo 1952.

The sport is part of the Nordic Skiing family which also includes biathlon, ski-jumping and Nordic combined.

Possibly the purest of the four, cross-country is, put simply, a running race held on skis in which competitors propel themselves across the snow using poles and skis.

Due to the fact that every major muscle group is used, it is one of the most difficult endurance sports in the world and requires supreme fitness.

Since Chamonix 1924 the sport has been dominated by Norway, who have claimed more than 100 medals. Neighbours Sweden are next on the all-time medal table with 74.

Four years ago it was Marit Bjørgen who was the star for the Norwegians, winning the 15km skiathlon, 30km freestyle and team sprint with Ingvild Flugstad Østberg to take her tally of Olympic titles to six and overall medals to ten.

A silver and bronze for Therese Johaug in the 30km freestyle and 10km classic, meanwhile, moved her onto 17 Olympic podium finishes.

Ola Vigen Hattestad was the only Norwegian champion in the men's events as he took sprint gold with Switzerland's Dario Cologna a double gold medallist in the 15km classic and 30km skiathlon.

Team GB are yet to win a medal in any event at an Olympic Winter Games but did have four competitors at Sochi 2014 – Andrew Musgrave, elder sister Rosamund Musgrave, Callum Smith and Andrew Young.

That followed the three athletes the team took to Vancouver in 2010, the first time they had been represented since 1994.



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TEAM GB AT PYEONGCHANG 2018

Just as he did at the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games, Andrew Musgrave will lead the charge for Team GB at PyeongChang 2018.

Qualifying in 27th place in the individual sprint four years ago, Musgrave, who also competed at Vancouver 2010, registered the best performance seen from a British cross-country skier though he failed to progress from the quarter-finals.

Musgrave has pushed on from there, with his fourth-place finish in the 2017 World Championships confirming a best result for a British Nordic skier, while he also claimed his maiden World Cup podium finish with bronze in the 15km freestyle in Toblach, Italy prior to Christmas.

Musgrave will be joined in PyeongChang by fellow three-time Olympian Andrew Young who, like the entire team, also trains out in Norway.

In 2015, Young achieved his first World Cup podium, finishing third in the freestyle sprint in Toblach.

He has since had several top World Cup results, notably a 13th-place finish in Quebec City in March 2017 and was also 22nd in the freestyle sprint final at the World Championships in Lahti, Finland.

Multiple British champion Callum Smith returns to the team for his second Games appearance after finishing 62nd in the sprint

DID YOU KNOW?

The men's 50km is the only cross-country discipline to feature at every Olympic Winter Games.

free event in Sochi four years ago. And debutant Annika Taylor completes the quartet of British cross country skiers, a year on from making her maiden World Championship appearance.

COMPETITION FORMAT

Both men and women will compete in six different events at PyeongChang 2018 meaning there will be 12 gold medals on offer.

The events vary in distance from a sprint, just over a kilometre, to 50km – 30km for the women – and also in discipline with mass-start events and also staggered pursuits.

On top of that there are two different types of cross-country skiing – freestyle and classical.

Freestyle skiing – also called skate skiing

FACT FILE

VENUE: Alpensia Cross-Country Skiing Centre
GOLD MEDALS AVAILABLE: 12
DATES: February 10-25
NUMBER OF TEAM GB ATHLETES:
Men 3 Women 1

“I’VE BEEN ON THE (WORLD CUP) PODIUM ALREADY THIS YEAR AT THE TOUR DE SKI, I’M HEALTHY NOW, TRAINING IS GOOD, SO NOW IT SHOULD BE A REALISTIC GOAL TO BE RIGHT UP THERE IN PYEONGCHANG.”

Andrew Musgrave

“WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE ATHLETES AND BREAK DOWN THIS SQUAD, IT’S A PRETTY GOOD INDICATOR OF WHERE BRITISH SNOWSPORTS IS GOING TO BE HEADING OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS TO BEIJING AND THEN BEYOND.”

Dan Hunt, Ski and Snowboard Team Leader

DID YOU KNOW?

No athlete has won more Olympic cross-country medals than the Norwegian Bjørn Dæhlie. Between Albertville 1992 and Nagano 1998, Dæhlie won eight golds and 12 medals in total, sitting second in the list across all sports.

– means you generate speed on your skis by using the same motion as you would on roller blades or ice skates. This method is faster but it generally is more difficult to learn.

Classical skiing is essentially walking with a glide between steps. To generate speed, you kick your front foot backwards and propel your other foot forward. This method is slower.

In PyeongChang, men will contest the 15km freestyle, 30km skiathlon 50km mass start classic, an individual and team sprint and 4x10km relay.

The women will compete in a 10km freestyle, a 15km skiathlon, a 30km mass start classic, an individual and team sprint and a 4x5km relay.



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TEAM GB AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES

Team GB are yet to win an Olympic cross-country skiing medal

EVENTS SCHEDULE

M = Men's events W = Women's events 🏅 = Medal event

DATE	TIME	EVENT
10 Feb	16:15-17:20	W 🏅 7.5km + 7.5km skiathlon
11 Feb	15:15-17:10	M 🏅 15km + 15km skiathlon
13 Feb	17:30-18:45	W 🏅 Individual sprint classic
	20:00-22:00	M 🏅 Individual sprint classic
15 Feb	15:30-17:15	W 🏅 10km free
16 Feb	15:00-16:50	M 🏅 15km free
17 Feb	18:30-19:45	W 🏅 4x5km relay
18 Feb	15:15-17:10	M 🏅 4x10km relay
21 Feb	17:00-18:30	W 🏅 Team sprint free
	19:00-20:20	M 🏅 Team sprint free
24 Feb	14:00-17:05	M 🏅 50km mass start classic
25 Feb	15:15-17:20	W 🏅 30km mass start classic

Team GB will compete in the men's and women's individual events

ATHLETE PROFILES

ANDREW MUSGRAVE



Age: 27 (06.03.1990)
Born: Poole
Hometown: Trondheim, Norway
Previous Games attended: Sochi 2014, Vancouver 2010

Andrew Musgrave's first outing at the Olympic Winter Games came at Vancouver 2010 where he finished 51st in the 15km + 15km double pursuit, 55th in the 15km freestyle race and 58th in the individual sprint.

The younger brother of former cross-country skier Posy, Musgrave competed at his second Olympic Winter Games in Sochi where he qualified 29th for the individual sprint before finishing 43rd in the 15km classical and 51st in the 50km freestyle.

The Dorset-born athlete finished fourth in the 50km freestyle at the 2017 World Championships – a higher placing than any previously achieved by a British Nordic skier – and then picked up a first World Cup podium in Toblach last December when he was third in 15km freestyle as well as recording a career-best 15th overall in the Tour de Ski at the start of this year.

@musgraveandrew @musgraveandrew

CALLUM SMITH



Age: 25 (12.10.1992)
Born: Inverurie
Hometown: Inverurie
Previous Games attended: Sochi 2014

Callum Smith started skiing aged eight at Huntly Nordic Ski Centre before progressing through the British Development Squad and onto the national team aged 15.

A multiple British national champion, Smith made his Olympic Winter Games debut in Sochi, finishing 62nd in the sprint free event.

He completed his chemical engineering studies at Edinburgh University in 2016 before relocating to Lillehammer to train as a full-time athlete. A year later Smith finished 53rd in the 50km freestyle at the World Ski Championships in Lahti, Finland.

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ANNIKA TAYLOR



Age: 24 (04.06.1993)
Born: Truckee, USA
Hometown: Lillehammer, Norway
Previous Games attended: None

Annika Taylor is not short of cross-country skiing experience having first taken up the sport aged just two while growing up in the town of Truckee, in the Sierra Nevada mountains.

She enjoyed a highly successful 2017, finishing fourth in the 10km Classic at the Austrian National Championships, held in Ramsau, before following this up by making her World Ski Championships debut in Lahti, Finland.

Two 38th-place finishes came in the 30km freestyle and sprint freestyle events with Taylor continuing her progression this season to earn selection for her maiden Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang.

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ANDREW YOUNG



Age: 26 (21.02.1992)
Born: Huntly
Hometown: Lillehammer, Norway
Previous Games attended: Sochi 2014, Vancouver 2010

Andrew Young has experience of two Olympic Winter Games having competed in Vancouver and Sochi.

He finished 60th in the individual sprint at Vancouver 2010 and followed that up with 36th in the 15km classic four years later.

The cross-country skier started 2017 in fine form, finishing 14th at the World Cup in Sweden in January, before claiming 12th in Estonia in February as well as 22nd in the freestyle sprint final at the World Championships.

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DAN HUNT



Games Time Role: Ski and Snowboard Team Leader

ROY YOUNG



Games Time Role: Cross Country Team Leader

JO ALEKSANDER LAENN



Games Time Role: Wax Technician

SOPHIE MORRISON



Games Time Role: Team Manager

HANS KRISTIAN STADHEIM



Games Time Role: Coach

JOSTEIN VINJERUI



Games Time Role: Coach

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CURLING



INTRODUCTION

Curling formed part of the programme at the very first Olympic Winter Games in Chamonix in 1924 but was not to appear again as a medal event until Nagano 1998.

It was a demonstration sport at Lake Placid 1932, Calgary 1988 and Albertville 1992 while the results from Chamonix 1924 were only considered official by the IOC in 2006. Great Britain, playing as the Royal Caledonian Curling Club and skipped by William K. Jackson, took the only gold medal on offer in 1924.

Curling's reintroduction onto the Olympic programme in 1998 saw both men's and women's competitions with PyeongChang 2018 set to be the sport's sixth successive appearance, while mixed curling will also be making its first ever Olympic appearance in South Korea.

Canada are the most successful nation having medalled at every single Games since 1998 – that amounting to five gold, three silver and two bronze.

Team GB's greatest single success since Chamonix 1924 came at Salt Lake 2002 when Rhona Martin delivered her 'Stone of Destiny' for gold at the expense of Switzerland.

Four years ago in Sochi, Team GB medalled in both the men's and women's events for the first time in their history.

The men's rink under David Murdoch claimed silver after missing out to Brad Jacob's Canada while Eve Muirhead and her team took bronze, with Canada crowned champions.

DID YOU KNOW?

Curling's origins date back to 16th century Scotland where games were played during the winter on frozen ponds, lochs and marshes.

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TEAM GB AT PYEONGCHANG 2018

It is very much a family affair for Team GB's curlers in PyeongChang this year – there are three Muirhead siblings and a pair of Smith brothers spread across the two rinks.

The Muirhead family name will be heard many times at the Gangneung Curling Centre as Eve skips the women and Thomas and Glen are part of the men's team.

Eve leads an experienced women's rink that sees the return of three of her teammates that took bronze in Sochi four years ago.

She is joined by Anna Sloan (third) and Vicki Adams (second) along with Lauren Gray – the alternate in Russia four years ago but now lead.

The alternate for the women this time around is the experienced Kelly Schafer who has represented Team GB at two previous Olympics but only joined this rink at the outset of the 2016-17 season.

Team Muirhead arrive in PyeongChang off the back of a successful 2017, winning the European crown and bronze at the World Championships earlier in the year.

On the men's side, Kyle Smith is the skip while his younger brother Cammy is the lead, the youngest of the Muirheads – Thomas – is the third while Kyle Waddell is the second.

Glen Muirhead, the eldest of the three Muirhead siblings – is the men's alternate.

In contrast to the women's rink, every single member of the men's rink will be making their Olympic debuts in PyeongChang.

But after a highly successful junior career

they have begun to prove themselves in the seniors – and won an impressive silver medal at the 2017 European Championships last November.

Both team skips and all but one of the members of the men's team come from strong curling dynasties as offspring of former world champions. The exception in the men's rink is Kyle Waddell, whose family also has pedigree in the sport as grandfather Jimmy was a former European champion.

DID YOU KNOW?

It is a game of etiquette that is always preceded by a handshake and the expression 'good curling'.

COMPETITION FORMAT

While a curling team can be five-strong, only four can play at any one time across the roles of skip, third – effectively the vice-skip – second and lead, with the fifth known as the alternate.

The aim is to get the stone closer to the centre of the house than the opposition, with games consisting of eight or ten ends.

There will be three competitions at PyeongChang – men's and women's, which comprise ten ends and eight stones per team, per end, and the mixed competition which involves just eight ends and five stones for each team.

The stones are thrown in a set order presented to the officials prior to the start.

Scoring is determined after all stones have been delivered, with the team with the closest stone to the house allowed to

“RECEIVING THAT PHONE CALL ABOUT OUR OLYMPIC SELECTION IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE BEST EXPERIENCES I HAVE EVER HAD.”

Kyle Smith

“TO KNOW THAT I CAN COMPETE ALONGSIDE MY BROTHERS, SEEING THEM WITH MUIRHEAD AND TEAM GB ON THEIR BACK IS SOMETHING REALLY SPECIAL.”

Eve Muirhead

register a total per end. Points are scored for stones located in or touching the house closer than those of the opposition.

If the score is tied after ten ends the game goes into extra ends until one side wins.

Brooms are used to sweep the ice in front of the stone when it is delivered. This reduces friction and allows the stone to travel further, as well as reducing the amount it will curl.

Ten men's and ten women's teams will contest the competition at PyeongChang 2018, each playing a round robin stage – while there are just eight nations in the mixed event.

The top four teams from the round robin progress to the semi-finals, where first play

FACT FILE

VENUE: Gangneung Curling Centre

GOLD MEDALS AVAILABLE: 3

DATES: February 8-25

NUMBER OF TEAM GB ATHLETES:
Men 5 Women 5

fourth and second play third to determine who contests the gold and bronze medal matches.

If any teams ranked from fifth downwards share the same win-loss record as those in the top four a tie-breaker ensues with the victor sealing their place in the semi-finals.

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EVENTS SCHEDULE

M = Men's events W = Women's events 🏅 = Medal event

DATE	TIME	SHEET A	SHEET B	SHEET C	SHEET D
14 Feb	09:05-12:00	M DEN v SWE	CAN v ITA	KOR v USA	SUI v GBR
	14:05-17:00	W JPN v USA	OAR v GBR	DEN v SWE	SUI v CHN
	20:05-23:00	M CAN v GBR	KOR v SWE	SUI v ITA	NOR v JPN
15 Feb	09:05-12:00	W CAN v KOR	DEN v JPN	CHN v OAR	GBR v USA
	14:05-17:00	M USA v ITA	NOR v CAN	GBR v JPN	DEN v SUI
	20:05-23:00	W CHN v GBR	CAN v SWE	USA v SUI	KOR v JPN
16 Feb	09:05-12:00	M	ITA v DEN	NOR v KOR	SWE v USA
	14:05-17:00	W DEN v CAN	KOR v SUI		SWE v OAR
	20:05-23:00	M JPN v SUI	SWE v GBR	DEN v USA	CAN v KOR
17 Feb	09:05-12:00	W SUI v SWE	OAR v USA	JPN v CHN	DEN v GBR
	14:05-17:00	M KOR v GBR	SUI v NOR	CAN v SWE	JPN v ITA
	20:05-23:00	W OAR v JPN	CHN v DEN	KOR v GBR	USA v CAN
18 Feb	09:05-12:00	M NOR v DEN	USA v JPN		SUI v CAN
	14:05-17:00	W	GBR v SWE	CAN v SUI	CHN v KOR
	20:05-23:00	M SWE v JPN	DEN v KOR	ITA v GBR	USA v NOR
19 Feb	09:05-12:00	W USA v DEN	JPN v CAN	SWE v KOR	OAR v SUI
	14:05-17:00	M ITA v KOR	SWE v SUI	USA v CAN	GBR v DEN
	20:05-23:00	W GBR v SUI	DEN v OAR	CHN v USA	JPN v SWE
20 Feb	09:05-12:00	M GBR v NOR	JPN v CAN	KOR v SUI	ITA v SWE
	14:05-17:00	W CAN v CHN	USA v KOR	GBR v JPN	
	20:05-23:00	M SUI v USA	NOR v ITA	JPN v DEN	
21 Feb	09:05-12:00	W KOR v OAR	SWE v CHN	SUI v DEN	CAN v GBR
	14:05-17:00	M DEN v CAN	GBR v USA	SWE v NOR	KOR v JPN
	20:05-23:00	W SWE v USA	SUI v JPN	OAR v CAN	KOR v DEN

EVENTS SCHEDULE cont.

M = Men's events **W** = Women's events = Medal event

DATE	TIME	MATCH
22 Feb	09:05-12:00	M Tiebreaker
		W Tiebreaker
	20:05-23:00	M Semi-final
23 Feb	15:35-18:30	M Bronze medal
	20:05-23:00	W Semi-final
24 Feb	15:35-18:55	M Gold medal
	20:05-23:00	W Bronze medal
25 Feb	09:05-12:25	W Gold medal

ATHLETE PROFILES

WOMEN

VICKI ADAMS



Age: 28 (16.11.1989)
Born: Edinburgh
Hometown: Stirling/Stranraer
Club: Portpatrick
Previous Games attended: Sochi 2014

Born in Edinburgh, Vicki Adams lived in Majorca as a child before moving back to Stranraer, where she was first introduced to curling.

Adams was a member of Eve Muirhead's curling rink that won a bronze medal at the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games, after taking gold with Scotland at the 2011 European Championships in Moscow and the 2013 World Championships in Riga.

Most recently, Adams picked up her second European title – and seventh medal at that level – when she and the team triumphed at the Championships in St. Gallen last November, while a world bronze also came earlier in the year.

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LAUREN GRAY



Age: 26 (03.11.1991)
Born: Glasgow
Hometown: Glasgow
Club: Balfron
Previous Games attended: Sochi 2014

Lauren Gray started curling aged eight, and broke onto the international scene when she won gold at the 2009 European Youth Olympic Winter Festival while completing her final year of high school.

Glasgow-born Gray made her Olympic Winter Games debut at Sochi 2014 as alternate for the Team GB rink which won bronze, after she claimed the world title a year earlier.

A second world medal arrived in 2017 with bronze before Gray picked up her fourth European medal – and first gold – later in November when Team Muirhead triumphed at the Championships in St. Gallen.

EVE MUIRHEAD



Age: 27 (22.04.1990)
Born: Perth
Hometown: Stirling
Club: Dunkeld
Previous Games attended: Sochi 2014, Vancouver 2010

Eve Muirhead became the youngest ever skip to win a Winter Olympic medal when she guided Team GB to bronze at Sochi 2014 in what was her second Games appearance.

Four years earlier, the Perth-born curler was chosen as the Team GB women's skip aged just 19 as she made her Olympic Winter Games debut in Vancouver.

Three-time world medallist Muirhead took up the sport aged nine, with family success going back to her father Gordon, who competed at the 1992 Olympic Winter Games in Albertville, France.

A four-time world junior champion, Muirhead has won multiple European and world senior medals – including a second gold at the 2017 European Championships in November – and will once again skip the Team GB women's curling rink in PyeongChang.

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KELLY SCHAFER



Age: 36 (08.04.1981)
Born: Dundee
Hometown: Swift Current, Canada
Club: Dun/Swift Current
Previous Games attended: Vancouver 2010, Turin 2006

Kelly Schafer (née Wood) has experience of two previous Olympic Winter Games having competed at Vancouver 2010 and Turin 2006.

The Dundee-born curler's first senior medals came in 2007, when she won European silver and world bronze.

Schafer went on to upgrade these to two silvers in 2010 while she finally got her hands on a major title last November with European gold. This came after bronze at the World Championships earlier in the year.

Now a three-time world and four-time European medallist, and a previous Great Britain skip, she will be the alternate in Team Muirhead's rink in PyeongChang.

ANNA SLOAN



Age: 27 (05.02.1991)
Born: Dumfries
Hometown: Stirling
Club: Huton
Previous Games attended: Sochi 2014

Anna Sloan made her debut for Team GB at the 2009 European Youth Olympic Festival, skipping her rink to gold in Silesia.

The Scot also won gold at the World Student Games in 2011, in the same year she linked up with skip Eve Muirhead, with whom she won her first senior world title in 2013.

Glasgow Caledonian University graduate Sloan made her Olympic debut at Sochi 2014, winning bronze alongside Muirhead, Vicki Adams and Claire Hamilton.

The two-time world medallist also has eight European medals to her name, and picked up her second gold last November at the Championships held in St Gallen.

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MEN

GLEN MUIRHEAD



Age: 28 (10.04.1989)
Born: Perth
Hometown: Crieff
Club: Dunkeld
Previous Games attended: None

Glen Muirhead was selected to make his Olympic Winter Games debut at PyeongChang 2018.

The older brother of Olympic bronze medallist and Team GB women's skip Eve Muirhead, he was part of the team which reached the final of the Grand Slam of Curling in 2016 and also won silver last November at the 2017 European Championships.

The Perth-born curler already had plenty of titles under his belt before that, winning the Swiss Cup, Curling Masters and Mercure Masters in 2014.

[@GlenMuirhead](#)

THOMAS MUIRHEAD



Age: 22 (11.04.1995)
Born: Perth
Hometown: Crieff
Club: Dunkeld
Previous Games attended: None

Thomas Muirhead makes his Olympic Winter Games debut at PyeongChang 2018.

The younger brother of Olympic bronze medallist Eve Muirhead, Thomas reached the final of the Grand Slam of Curling in 2016 – the first time a British men's team had achieved this feat – and more recently won European silver last November.

The team also enjoyed success at youth level, winning World Junior Championship gold and World Universiade silver in 2013.

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CAMMY SMITH



Age: 24 (11.12.1993)
Born: Perth
Hometown: Perth
Club: St Martins
Previous Games attended: None

Cammy Smith makes his Olympic Winter Games debut at PyeongChang 2018 alongside older brother Kyle.

Smith, whose uncle Peter represented Team GB at the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games and whose father David was world champion in 1991, enjoyed success at youth level, winning World Junior Championship gold and World Universiade silver in 2013.

More recently he was part of the team which reached the final of the Grand Slam of Curling in 2016 and then last year won European silver in St. Gallen.

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KYLE SMITH



Age: 25 (09.07.1992)
Born: Perth
Hometown: Perth
Club: St Martins
Previous Games attended: None

Kyle Smith is the skip of Team GB's men's curling rink for PyeongChang 2018, where he will be making his Olympic Winter Games debut.

In 2016, the Perthshire-born curler was skip of the first British men's team to reach a Grand Slam final while he also led the rink to European silver in November 2017.

Smith's team, which includes his younger brother Cammy, enjoyed success at youth level, winning World Junior Championship gold and World Universiade silver in 2013.

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KYLE WADDELL



Age: 24 (15.12.1993)
Born: Bellshill
Hometown: Hamilton
Club: Hamilton and Thornhill
Previous Games attended: None

Kyle Waddell makes his Olympic Winter Games debut at PyeongChang 2018 off the back of a successful end to 2017 with the Olympic rink taking silver at the European Championships.

The Bellshill-born curler was also part of the team which reached the final of the Grand Slam of Curling in 2016.

Waddell, whose grandfather Jimmy Waddell was European curling champion in 1979, also enjoyed success at youth level, winning World Junior Championship gold and World Universiade silver in 2013 as well as the Scottish Junior titles in 2012 and 2013.

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GRAEME THOMPSON



Games Time Role: Team Leader

MISHA BOTTING



Games Time Role: Psychologist

KATE GOODGER



Games Time Role: Psychologist

GLENN HOWARD



Games Time Role: Women's Coach

VIKTOR KJELL



Games Time Role: Men's Coach

KENNETH MORE



Games Time Role: Performance Analyst

ANTHONY ZUMMACK



Games Time Role: Head Coach

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FIGURE SKATING



INTRODUCTION

Figure skating is the oldest sport at the Olympic Winter Games having formed part of the summer programme at London 1908 before featuring again at Antwerp 1920. The sport was then among the original seven at the very first Olympic Winter Games in Chamonix in 1924 and it has stayed ever since.

Three events were contested for the first 11 editions – men's, ladies' and pairs – with ice dance introduced at Innsbruck 1976. Sochi 2014 then saw the introduction of a team event with Russia taking gold.

Only Team GB and the USA have competed in figure skating at every single Olympics where it has featured.

Gillis Grafström of Sweden remains the most successful figure skater with four medals between Antwerp 1920 and Lake Placid 1932, including three consecutive golds in the men's singles.

Team GB have a fine pedigree themselves having won 15 Olympic figure skating medals in total – with six coming from London 1908.

Ice dancers Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean are the last British skaters to win a medal, having won bronze at Lillehammer 1994, while they are also the last to win gold, following their historic performance to Bolero at Sarajevo 1984.

That gold was Team GB's third successive figure skating triumph at the Games with Robin Cousins claiming the men's title at Lake Placid 1980 and John Curry starting it all off by winning the same crown at Innsbruck 1976.

DID YOU KNOW?

Ice dancing was included in the Olympic programme in 1976; prior to this (in 1972) it was the only part of the Olympics as a demonstration sport

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TEAM GB AT PYEONGCHANG 2018

Great Britain will send two figure skaters to South Korea, having qualified a place in the ice dance event.

Penny Coomes and Nick Buckland will be appearing at their third consecutive Olympic Winter Games, having competed in Vancouver and Sochi where they finished 20th and tenth respectively.

It almost did not happen though as Coomes shattered her knee during a training accident in June 2016.

Three months of bed rest and two operations followed, ruling them out of the 2017 World Championships, but they had a final opportunity to secure a qualification place at the Nebelhorn Trophy in September 2017.

And the 2014 European bronze medallists took it with both hands, scoring a new personal best and winning the event to book Team GB's spot at the Games.

Qualification added another chapter to their already twisted tale of illness, injury and Olympic appearances following life-saving heart surgery for Buckland in the run up to Sochi 2014 and a bout of pneumonia for Coomes that meant they missed the 2015 World Championships.

COMPETITION FORMAT

Figure skating at the Olympic Winter Games is split into five disciplines – men's, ladies', pairs, ice dance and team.

The scoring in figure skating is subjective

with the ISU Judging System currently in operation having replaced the 6.0 system in 2004.

Several officials are involved, split into two panels – technical and judging. Judges score the quality of the elements involved in a routine and five programme components while a referee judges the competition and runs the event.

For the technical score, each move in a skater's programme is given a base value with credit given for every element. Jumps, spins and footwork all have an assigned level of difficulty based on a published preset criteria.

Judges give a plus or minus grade of

DID YOU KNOW?

Skates have a groove on the bottom of the blade creating two distinct edges, with judges preferring a skater to glide on one distinct edge rather than both at the same time

execution to each element which is then added or deducted from the base value – this determines a skater's score for each element.

Points from zero to ten are given for the five programme components which are: skating skills, transitions, performance, choreography and interpretation.

These give the programme component score which is then added to the technical score to give a segment score.

“THERE WAS ALWAYS THAT BIT OF DOUBT ABOUT OUR RETURN BECAUSE WE'VE SPENT SO MUCH TIME OFF WITH THE INJURY BUT I THINK WE CAN BE RIGHT UP THERE IN PYEONGCHANG.”

Nick Buckland

“WE HAD A PLAN AND OUR PLAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE 2018 WINTER GAMES AND THAT’S WHAT WE HAVE ALWAYS STRIVED FOR. WE’VE ALWAYS TALKED ABOUT BEING THERE AND AIMING FOR A MEDAL.”

Penny Coomes

At the Olympic Winter Games the men's, ladies' and pairs events have two segments, the short programme and free skate.

The sum of all the segment scores becomes the total competition score, whereby those with the highest are declared the winners.

Ice dance consists of a short dance and free dance – with teams scored on their rhythm, musicality, precision and the way they interpret the dance.

FACT FILE

VENUE: Gangneung Ice Arena
GOLD MEDALS AVAILABLE: 5
DATES: February 9-23
NUMBER OF TEAM GB ATHLETES:
Man 1 Woman 1

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TEAM GB AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES



EVENTS SCHEDULE

M = Men's events **W** = Women's events **W & M** = Pairs event
W / M = Mixed event **🏅** = Medal event

DATE	TIME	EVENT
9 Feb	10:00-13:30	M Team Event – Single Short Programme
		W / M Team Event – Short Programme
11 Feb	10:00-14:40	W / M Team Event – Ice Dance Short Dance
		W Team Event – Single Short Programme
		W / M Team Event – Pairs Free Skating
12 Feb	10:00-13:25	M Team Event – Single Free Skating
		W Team Event – Single Free Skating
		W / M 🏅 Team Event – Ice Dance Free Dance
14 Feb	10:00-13:35	W & M Short Programme
15 Feb	10:30-13:55	W & M 🏅 Free Skating
16 Feb	10:00-14:30	M Single Short Programme
17 Feb	10:00-14:25	M 🏅 Single Free Skating
19 Feb	10:00-13:45	W / M Ice Dance Short Dance
20 Feb	10:00-13:45	W / M 🏅 Ice Dance Free Dance
21 Feb	10:00-14:30	W Single Short Programme
23 Feb	10:00-14:15	W 🏅 Single Free Skating

Team GB will compete in the ice dance event

ATHLETE PROFILES

NICK BUCKLAND



Age: 28 (09.06.1989)
Born: Nottingham
Hometown: Novi, Michigan
Previous Games attended: Sochi 2014, Vancouver 2010

It was always likely that Nick Buckland would pursue a career as a figure skater given the sport is entrenched in the family. Buckland's mother, Jean, was an ice dancer, his younger brother,

Joseph, is also a figure skater while his grandad Bryan was a speed skater.

Buckland teamed up with Penny Coomes in 2005, and they made their senior international debut at the 2008 Finlandia Trophy where they finished ninth.

Buckland made his Winter Olympic debut with Coomes in 2010 and the duo finished tenth four years later at Sochi 2014, having undergone life-saving cardiac surgery to treat an irregular heartbeat in the run up to the latter.

It was that year when the skater claimed the first Grand Prix medal of his career with Coomes, when they secured bronze at the 2014 European Championships in Budapest.

After winning the 2017 Nebelhorn Trophy, Buckland and Coomes were selected for their third Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang. Their preparations included a seventh-place finish at last month's European Championships.

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PENNY COOMES



Age: 28 (06.04.1989)
Born: Maidenhead
Hometown: Novi, Michigan
Previous Games attended: Sochi 2014, Vancouver 2010

Born in Maidenhead, Penny Coomes took up skating at the Slough Ice Arena aged eight.

Coomes teamed up with Nick Buckland in 2005 having met him at the National Ice Centre in Nottingham and triumphed at the 2008 British Junior Championships despite having a broken foot.

The pair competed at both the 2010 and 2014 Olympic Winter Games, where they finished 20th and tenth in the standings respectively.

Coomes also won a bronze medal with Buckland at the 2014 European Championships in Budapest, adding to several other international medals that she has won throughout her career.

Having overcome a serious knee injury to win the 2017 Nebelhorn Trophy, Coomes and Buckland were selected for a third Olympic Winter Games at PyeongChang 2018. Their preparations included a seventh-place finish at last month's European Championships.

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TERESSA TAYLOR-KAVENEY



Games Time Role: Team Leader

ADRIENNE LENDA



Games Time Role: Coach

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FREESTYLE SKIING

INTRODUCTION

Freestyle skiing made its official Olympic Winter Games debut at Albertville 1992, having previously been a demonstration sport at Calgary 1988 where moguls, aerials and ballet events took place.

Aerials became a medal event at Lillehammer 1994 while the ski ballet event was dropped from the schedule. It remained that way until Vancouver 2010 when ski cross was added to the programme, taking the total of medal events to six – three for men and three for women.

Freestyle skiing was boosted further for the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games where the halfpipe and slopestyle events were added to the programme for both men and women, taking the total number of medal events to ten.

The USA are the dominant nation in freestyle skiing's short Olympic history, having won 21 medals in total, eight of which are gold.

Closely behind them are Canada, with eight of their 18 medals gold, and Australia somewhat surprisingly third. Belarus is the highest ranked European country in fourth.

Team GB have had freestyle skiing representation at every Games since Albertville 1992, barring Turin 2006, but are yet to win a medal.

Four years ago, Canada enjoyed a highly successful time in Sochi with sisters Justine and Chloé Dufour-Lapointe securing a one-two in the women's moguls – a feat matched by the men with Alexandre Bilodeau and Mikaël Kingsbury winning gold and silver.

Dara Howell also took women's slopestyle gold, as did Marielle Thompson in the women's ski cross ahead of teammate Kelsey Serwa.

Belarus dominated the men's aerials with Anton Kushnir and Alla Tsuper winning the men's and women's competitions respectively while David Wise and Maddie Bowman secured halfpipe wins for the United States.

And there were podium clean sweeps for the United States and France in the men's slopestyle and ski cross with Joss Christensen and Jean-Frédéric Chapuis the ones to take top spot on the podium in each.



FACT FILE

VENUE: Phoenix Snow Park

GOLD MEDALS AVAILABLE: 10

DATES: February 9-23

NUMBER OF TEAM GB ATHLETES:
 Men 6 Women 5

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TEAM GB AT PYEONGCHANG 2018

Team GB are taking a 11-strong freestyle skiing team to PyeongChang, boasting six men and five women – including four skiers with Olympic experience from Sochi 2014.

Competing across four of the five disciplines, Team GB will have representation in aerials, ski cross, slopestyle and halfpipe.

One individual marking his Winter Olympic debut will be 22-year-old aerial skier Lloyd Wallace, with the Brit having made a remarkable recovery from a training crash that left him in a coma last August.

He follows in the footsteps of his parents who both represented Team GB at Olympic level in freestyle skiing.

Eight-time British champion Emily Sarsfield also makes her Olympic bow as Team GB's sole athlete in ski cross.

Slopestyle and halfpipe will be where Team GB have most representation, though, and where they boast their biggest wealth of talent.

In James Woods Team GB include one of the world's leading freestyle skiers who finished fifth in the Sochi 2014 slopestyle despite picking up a hip injury in his first training run.

Not only does Woods bring with him Olympic experience but also the knowledge that he is a multiple World Championship and World Cup medallist and an X Games Big Air winner in 2017.

In the women's slopestyle Izzy Atkin could

also be a leading contender after her bronze medal at last month's World Cup in Aspen, USA.

Atkin also made history in 2017 by becoming the first British female to win a slopestyle World Cup when she took gold in Silvaplana.

Joining the Olympic party will be Peter Speight, Tyler Harding, Alexander Glavatsky-Yeadon and Molly Summerhayes for the first time.

While Molly's older sister Katie, a World Cup slopestyle silver medallist this season, will be looking to improve on her Sochi slopestyle result of seventh and Murray Buchan will also look to build on his Olympic best of 17th.

Lastly, Rowan Cheshire will travel to her second Olympics after a crash in training ruled her out of competing four years ago at Sochi 2014.

DID YOU KNOW?

The term mogul is from the Bavarian word 'mugel', which means mound or small hill.

COMPETITION FORMAT

Freestyle skiing events include moguls, aerials, halfpipe, slopestyle and ski cross with a qualification and final round taking place in all.

The moguls event is a descent down a slope of bumps while competitors are also required to perform two jumps on their way through the course.

Scores are determined by judges,

"I WAS PROUD AS CAN BE TO REPRESENT TEAM GB AND DO MY BIT, BUT THERE IS A LOT LEFT TO PROVE AND I'M GOING TO TAKE THAT INTO PYEONGCHANG."

James Woods

DID YOU KNOW?

During the summer, aerialists train for their jumps by skiing on specially constructed water ramps, landing in a large swimming pool.

who assess how well the moguls are navigated and the quality and difficulty of the jumps performed. Speed of descent is also taken into account.

In aerials, athletes start by completing two special qualifying ski jumps each. The athletes with the highest combined scores from the two jumps advance to the finals.

Scores from the qualifying round do not carry over to the finals.

For each jump, athletes are judged on their technique for take off, jump form and landing.

Halfpipe sees athletes compete in a half-cylindrical tube shaped into the snow.

Using speed gained on the slope, skiers come up over the rim of the pipe to perform jumps, rotations and other mid-air tricks.

The objective is to perform difficult manoeuvres with perfect form and land the run.

The competition format includes qualifying and final rounds, with two

runs per athlete in each round, and the best score of those rounds is used to determine places.

In slopestyle, athletes perform on a slope with various types of obstacles – rails, quarter-pipes and jumps – and perform a variety of tricks to accrue points.

There are two runs in each qualifying and final round and the athlete awarded the highest score by the judges, from either run in the final, wins.

Ski cross is made up of two parts: the qualifying round which is a race against the clock, and the final rounds which are mass-start, knockout events.

In the qualifying round, athletes



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race individually down a course approximately 1,000m long with turns and obstacles.

The top two finishers continue to compete, while the losers are eliminated.

The athletes with the fastest times are then divided into groups of four and compete to determine who advances.

The four athletes reaching the final round then compete for the medals.

TEAM GB AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES

Team GB are yet to win an Olympic freestyle skiing medal

EVENTS SCHEDULE

M = Men's events **W** = Women's event **🏆** = Medal event

DATE	TIME	EVENT
9 Feb	10:00-10:45	W Moguls qualification
	11:45-12:30	M Moguls qualification
11 Feb	19:30-22:40	W 🏆 Moguls final
12 Feb	19:30-22:40	M 🏆 Moguls final
15 Feb	20:00-21:15	W Aerials qualification
16 Feb	20:00-21:20	W 🏆 Aerials finals
17 Feb	10:00-11:40	W Slopestyle qualification
	13:00-14:35	W 🏆 Slopestyle finals
	20:00-21:15	M Aerials qualification
18 Feb	10:00-12:05	M Slopestyle qualification
	13:15-14:50	M 🏆 Slopestyle finals
	20:00-21:20	M 🏆 Aerials finals
19 Feb	10:00-11:25	W Halfpipe qualification
20 Feb	10:30-11:55	W 🏆 Halfpipe finals
	13:00-14:45	M Halfpipe qualification
21 Feb	11:30-12:15	M Ski cross seeding round
	13:15-14:55	M 🏆 Ski cross finals
22 Feb	11:30-13:00	M 🏆 Halfpipe finals
23 Feb	11:30-12:15	W Ski cross seeding round
	13:15-14:55	W 🏆 Ski cross finals

Team GB will compete in all events apart from men's ski cross, women's aerials and the moguls competitions

“I’M TRYING TO SEE THE GAMES AS ANY NORMAL COMPETITION SO I DON’T GET TOO NERVOUS, BUT I KNOW HOW MUCH THE OLYMPICS MEANS TO EVERYONE.”

Rowan Cheshire

ATHLETE PROFILES

IZZY ATKIN



Event: Slopestyle
Age: 19 (21.06.1998)
Born: Boston, USA
Hometown: Utah, USA
Previous Games attended: None

Born in the USA, Izzy Atkin qualifies to represent Britain through her father and has been with the GB Park and Pipe team since 2014.

She created history last March when she became the first British female skier to win a World Cup slopestyle event in Silvaplana, Switzerland.

She followed that up with a bronze medal at the 2017 World Championships in Sierra Nevada, Spain, and World Cup silver in Aspen last month and will be making her Games debut in PyeongChang.

🐦 @izzyatkin

MURRAY BUCHAN



Event: Halfpipe
DOB: 26 (02.12.1991)
Born: Edinburgh
Hometown: Edinburgh
Previous Games attended: Sochi 2014

Murray Buchan started skiing at the age of eight at his local droslope in Edinburgh and competed at his first British Championships at 14 - winning the slopestyle, ski cross, big air and halfpipe competitions at under-16 level.

He repeated that feat over the next two years and, in his first competition as a senior, finished third in the big air and slopestyle before being crowned British halfpipe champion in 2008 - a feat he repeated in 2013 and 2015.

Buchan made his Olympic debut at Sochi 2014 where he finished 17th, and in 2016, placed 13th at the World Cup finals in Tignes.

🐦 @murraybuchan 📷 @murraybuchan

ROWAN CHESHIRE



Event: Halfpipe
DOB: 22 (01.09.1995)
Born: Crewe
Hometown: Stoke-on-Trent
Previous Games attended: Sochi 2014

Rowan Cheshire became the first British female skier to win a World Cup halfpipe title with victory in Calgary in January 2014.

That was the first Freestyle World Cup win for a British female skier since Jilly Curry (mother of fellow freestyle skier Lloyd Wallace) won an aerials competition in 1992, and followed her bronze at the World Junior Championships in Valmalenco the season before.

Cheshire was selected to compete at the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games but a concussion forced her to withdraw from competition.

A series of head injuries took her out of the sport for the best part of two years, however she returned to high level competition in 2016 where she took a podium place at the Rev Tour in Copper Mountain, USA.

🐦 @Rowancheshire 📷 @rowancheshire

ALEXANDER GLAVATSKY-YEADON



Event: Halfpipe
DOB: 23 (24.02.1994)
Born: Hong Kong
Hometown: Hong Kong
Previous Games attended: None

Team GB debutant Alexander Glavatsky-Yeadon was born and raised in snowless Hong Kong, growing up on surfing and skateboarding.

Known for the huge height he achieves coming out of the halfpipe, Glavatsky-Yeadon comes from a family of skiers with his grandfather being an Olympic ski jumper.

He was runner up at the 2017 British Freestyle Ski Championships in Laax while in December he recorded a career-best World Cup result of eighth at the Secret Garden halfpipe competition in China.

Glavatsky-Yeadon is also working on his fashion label 'Saint Valais' with his style of skiing reflecting his creative and artistic background.

📷 @muggatu

TYLER HARDING



Event: Slopestyle
DOB: 21 (18.10.1996)
Born: Halifax
Hometown: Halifax
Previous Games attended: None

Tyler Harding first learned to ski aged four before starting freestyle skiing three years later thanks to the influence of current GB Park & Pipe head ski coach Pat Sharples.

While PyeongChang will be Harding's first Olympic Winter Games, it is not the first time the Halifax native has represented Team GB having placed tenth in the halfpipe event at the Innsbruck 2012 Youth Olympic Games.

With two World Championships under his belt already, Harding ramped up his PyeongChang preparations with a career-best eighth at the Font Romeu slopestyle World Cup in December.

🐦 @TylerJayHarding 📷 @tylerjayharding

EMILY SARSFIELD



Event: Ski cross
DOB: 34 (30.06.1983)
Born: Durham
Hometown: Durham
Previous Games attended: None

Emily Sarsfield is Britain's leading ski cross athlete, accumulating eight national titles over the years and competing on the World Cup circuit since 2006.

She suffered a potentially career-threatening leg injury in February 2009 at the test event for Vancouver 2010, which subsequently ruled her out of selection for the Games, with surgery and intense rehab instead taking up her time.

In 2010 Sarsfield created British skiing history by becoming the first female to win a Europa Cup event although she was forced to undergo further knee surgery in the run up to the 2015 season.

A return to competition again followed with a number of solid performances seeing her earn selection for her maiden Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang.

🐦 @EmSkiCross 📷 @emskicross

PETER SPEIGHT



Event: Halfpipe
Age: 25 (26.12.1992)
Born: Sheffield
Hometown: Sheffield
Previous Games attended: None

Peter Speight discovered his love for the sport riding at the Sheffield Ski Village dry slope through his teens.

He made the jump up to World Cup level in 2013 and finished 17th in the World Cup finals in Tignes, three years later.

The British halfpipe champion in 2016 and 2017, Speight finished 18th at the World Freeski Championships in Sierra Nevada in 2017.

🐦 @peter_speight 📷 @peterspeight

KATIE SUMMERHAYES



Event: Slopestyle
DOB: 22 (08.10.1995)
Born: Sheffield
Hometown: Sheffield
Previous Games attended: Sochi 2014

Katie Summerhayes became the first British female skier to win a Freestyle World Championships medal when she picked up slopestyle silver in Kreischberg, Austria in 2015.

The Sheffield-born skier had previously won the Junior World Championships in Valmalenco, Italy, two months after finishing seventh at the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games.

Summerhayes won her first World Cup medal with slopestyle silver in February 2013, repeating the feat 11 months later in Gstaad. She had to wait until November 2017 to win a third, with silver in Stubai, Austria.

🐦 @suummerhayes 📷 @summerhayeskatie

MOLLY SUMMERHAYES



Event: Halfpipe
Age: 20 (07.06.1997)
Born: Sheffield
Hometown: Sheffield
Previous Games attended: None

The younger sister of Katie Summerhayes, Molly started skiing when she was just four at the Sheffield Ski Village. Inspired by her sister, she progressed quickly and was selected for the GB park and Pipe team.

Both a slopestyle and halfpipe skier, she decided to specialise in the latter, picking up gold at the 2015 Junior World Championships in Valmalenco, Italy.

Summerhayes ruptured a ligament in her right knee in January 2016 but returned to fitness to qualify for her maiden Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang.

🐦 @Msummerhayes 📷 @mollysummerhayes

LOYD WALLACE



Event: Aerials
Age: 23 (13.02.1995)
Born: Shaftesbury
Hometown: Bath
Previous Games attended: None

Lloyd Wallace makes his Olympic Winter Games debut in PyeongChang just six months after sustaining a serious head injury and being placed in a coma following a training accident in the summer.

Wallace enjoyed a breakthrough season in 2015, including four top-20 results at World Cup level and bronze at the Junior World Championships.

A former county gymnast, Wallace comes from a strong sporting family with both his parents representing Team GB in freestyle skiing while sister Elodie is also a member of the British Aerial Ski Team.

🐦 @Lloyd_Wallace 📷 @lloydwal

JAMES WOODS



Event: Slopestyle
DOB: 26 (19.01.1992)
Born: Sheffield
Hometown: Sheffield
Previous Games attended: Sochi 2014

James 'Woody' Woods won five consecutive British National Championships in slopestyle between 2007-2011, winning the FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup for the same event in

the 2012-13 season.

Later that year, he claimed silver at the Freestyle World Championships - becoming only the second ever British medalist at World Championship level.

After finishing fifth in the slopestyle at the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games, Woods went on to win Winter X Games Big Air gold and Winter X Games Europe slopestyle bronze in 2017, before repeating the latter at the World Championships later that month.

He won the first World Cup of the Olympic season with slopestyle success in Cardrona, New Zealand.

🐦 @JamesWoody 📷 @jameswoody





DAN HUNT



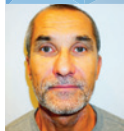
Games Time Role: Ski and Snowboard Leader

LESLEY McKENNA



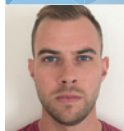
Games Time Role: Freestyle Skiing and Snowboard Team Leader

BERTRAND COUETTE



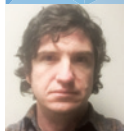
Games Time Role: Coach

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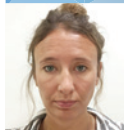
Games Time Role: Coach

BJ MAZZOLA



Games Time Role: Wax Technician

SOPHIE MORRISON



Games Time Role: Team Manager

GUILLAUME NANTERMOD



Games Time Role: Coach

ALISON ROBB



Games Time Role: Physio

PAT SHARPLES



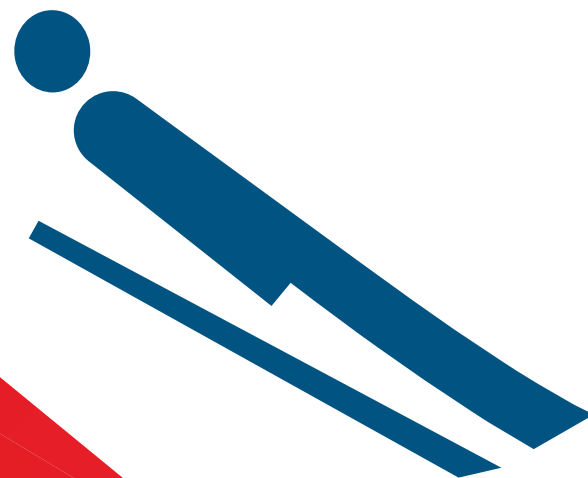
Games Time Role: Coach



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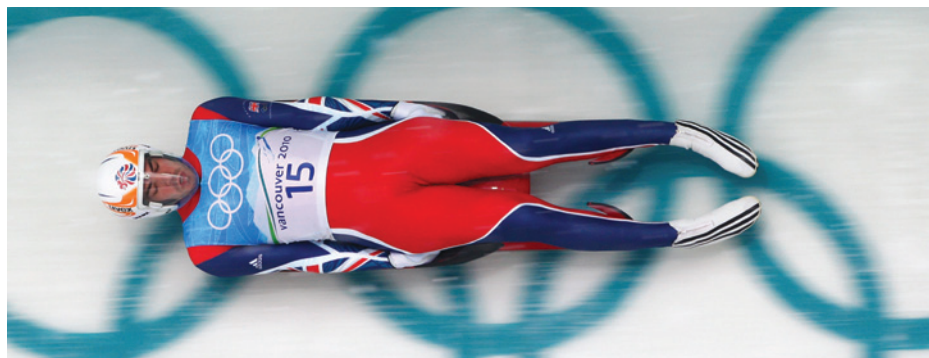
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LUGE

LUGE



INTRODUCTION

Luge sees athletes slide down the ice track on their back, feet first, as opposed to its sliding cousin skeleton which adopts a head first approach. The basic principles of the two sports are the same – the quickest from the top of the track to the bottom wins.

Sliders start their run sat on their sled using two bars to push off and gloves with spikes on the fingertips to sweep the ice and propel themselves forwards.

A sliders' legs rest either side of the runners on their sled with steering occurring by pushing on either runner with their calf. Alternatively, a slider applying pressure on their sled through their shoulders also helps with steering.

The sport first appeared at Innsbruck 1964, with men's, women's and doubles all being contested at every Games since. At Sochi 2014 the team relay was introduced, and has been maintained for the PyeongChang 2018 schedule.

Adding the medals of Germany, East Germany, West Germany and the United Team of Germany together, the nation has won 75 of a possible 129 in the sport's Olympic history.

They swept the board at Sochi 2014, with Felix Loch and Natalie Geisenberger winning the men's and women's singles titles and Tobias Wendl and Tobias Arlt doing likewise in the doubles before all four combined in the team relay.

Italy's Armin Zöggeler leads the individual medal table with six in total – two gold, one silver and three bronze – while Georg Hackl and Felix Loch, both of Germany, each have three gold medals to their name.

DID YOU KNOW?

Luge tracks have a minimum competition distance of 1000m for men and 800m for women, doubles and juniors – with a maximum length of 1350m.

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TEAM GB AT PYEONGCHANG 2018

After having no luge representation four years ago in Sochi, Team GB will see two athletes flying the flag in PyeongChang.

The two boast contrasting Olympic Winter Games experiences with Adam Rosen a veteran of two Games, while at 20 rising star Rupert Staudinger will be making his debut.

Rosen competed at both Turin 2006 and Vancouver 2010, finishing 16th in the men's singles on both occasions.

While Rosen has been competing at senior levels since the 2003/2004 season, Staudinger's career is still in its infancy, although he can boast senior World Championship appearances in the team relay and men's singles during the last two years.

Rosen and Staudinger formed part of the first ever British luge outfit to compete in a team event, sliding into tenth at the 2017 European Championships. They will both compete in the men's singles in PyeongChang.

COMPETITION FORMAT

The four different gold medals available are the men's and women's singles, doubles and team relay.

For the singles competitions, sliders compete over four runs and the athlete with the fastest aggregate time wins.

After their first run, the sliders race in reverse order, with the leader going last in each run – the first two of which are held on one day, with the final two raced the following day.

DID YOU KNOW?

The weight of a single sled, including attached accessories, must be between 21-25kg, with a double sled weighing in at 25-30kg.

In the doubles competition, sliders race over just two runs, with both men and women able to compete in the event.

Both runs are completed in the same day, with the pair clocking the fastest time over two runs declared the winner.

The team relay was introduced into the Olympic schedule at Sochi 2014, with the competition comprising of one women's run, one men's run and one doubles run.

The woman slides first and, at the bottom of their run, touches a timing pad that automatically opens the start gate for their male teammate to begin their singles run at the top of the course.

Once they touch the pad at the bottom of their run, the doubles pair are free to begin.

The team with the fastest time between the start of the women's run and the doubles pair crossing the line, are the winners – each team has just one attempt.

FACT FILE

VENUE: Olympic Sliding Centre
GOLD MEDALS AVAILABLE: 4
DATES: February 10-15
NUMBER OF TEAM GB ATHLETES: Men 2

“AJ HAS BEEN LIKE A BIG BROTHER AND A COACH TO ME. WITHOUT HIM IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE THAT I WOULD HAVE QUALIFIED FOR THE GAMES.”

Rupert Staudinger

TEAM GB AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES

Team GB are yet to win an Olympic luge medal

EVENTS SCHEDULE

M = Men's events **W** = Women's events **M/W** = Mixed event = Medal event

DATE	TIME	EVENT
10 Feb	19:10-22:20	M Single Heat 1&2
11 Feb	18:50-21:35	M Single Heat 3&4
12 Feb	19:50-22:20	W Single Heat 1&2
13 Feb	19:30-21:55	W Single Heat 3&4
14 Feb	20:20-22:25	M Doubles Heat 1&2
15 Feb	21:30-22:45	M/W Team Relay

Team GB will compete in the men's singles

ATHLETE PROFILES

ADAM ROSEN



Event: Men's singles
Age: 33 (12.04.1984)
Born: New Rochelle, New York
Hometown: New Rochelle, New York
Previous Games attended: Vancouver 2010, Turin 2006

Adam Rosen, or 'AJ' as he is also known, will be making his third Olympic Winter Games appearance for Team GB after finishing 16th at both Turin 2006 and

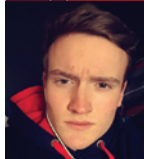
then four years later in Vancouver.

He has competed at senior level since 2003/2004 and achieved a season's best placing of 27th at the Oberhof World Cup in the run up to PyeongChang last month.

Rosen holds the British record for the best-ever luge finish, placing sixth at the Calgary World Cup in 2009.

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RUPERT STAUDINGER



Event: Men's singles
Age: 20 (15.07.1997)
Born: Königssee, Germany
Hometown: Schoenau Am Königssee, Germany
Previous Games attended: None

Despite being just 20 years of age, Rupert Staudinger already has plenty of competition experience, placing second at last year's British

Championships and coming tenth in the team relay at the 2017 European Championships.

Staudinger competed at the last two senior World Championships, with his best placing being 14th in the team relay in Innsbruck last year.

He has appeared on the World Cup circuit this season in the team relay although Staudinger's Olympic Winter Games debut will come in the men's singles in PyeongChang.

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MARK ARMSTRONG



Games Time Role: Team Leader

GRAHAM HOLMES



Games Time Role: Coach



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SHORT TRACK
SPEED SKATING

SHORT TRACK

INTRODUCTION

Unlike traditional speed skating, short track was only officially recognised by the International Skating Union in 1967 and did not hold a World Championships until 1976.

It was to feature at an Olympic Winter Games for the first time 12 years later at Calgary 1988, initially on the programme as a demonstration event before earning full status at Albertville 1992.

Short track grew as an offshoot from speed skating as mass-start events became more popular and has been out-growing its predecessor in terms of popularity since appearing at the Olympic Winter Games.

North American and Asian nations have dominated the sport at the Olympic Winter Games since Albertville 1992 – namely the USA, Canada, South Korea and China.

American Apolo Anton Ohno and Russia's Viktor Ahn are the joint-most decorated short track speed skaters with eight medals each although the latter has the most gold medals with six.

Four years ago, Ahn claimed three gold medals at Sochi 2014 in the 500m, 1000m and 5000m – with a bronze coming in the other men's event, the 1500m, behind Canada's Charles Hamelin.

The titles were spread between China and South Korea in the women's events, with Li Jianrou and Zhou Yang taking 500m and 1500m gold for the former and Park Seung-hi winning the 1000m before helping this year's hosts to 3000m relay glory.

Meanwhile, Team GB have won one Olympic short track speed skating medal since Albertville 1992, Nicky Gooch claiming bronze in the 500m at Lillehammer 1994.



FACT FILE

VENUE:
Gangneung Ice Arena

GOLD MEDALS AVAILABLE: 8

DATES: February 10-22

NUMBER OF TEAM GB ATHLETES:
Men 2 Women 3

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TEAM GB AT PYEONGCHANG 2018

Five athletes will represent Team GB at PyeongChang 2018, including triple world champion Elise Christie.

The ten-time European champion missed out in Sochi, but has come back fit and firing in the subsequent years, including taking the 1000m, 1500m and overall world titles in Rotterdam in March 2017 and is also the world record holder over 500m.

That made her the first European woman to achieve the feat of overall champion, but the double Winter Olympian won't be the only person competing with Games experience.

Charlotte Gilmartin took part in the 500m and 1500m events in Sochi, with South Korea marking her second Games two years after becoming European champion across 3000m.

Like Christie, she will compete in the 500m, 1000m and 1500m, looking to show the improvements since her Olympic Winter Games debut.

A trio of debutants will join them, with Kathryn Thomson completing the full quota of female athletes as she too competes across all three distances having made numerous quarter-final and semi-finals World Cup appearances over the past year.

The next generation of men's short track athletes will also make their Olympic bow, with Farrell Treacy and Joshua Cheetham making the qualification mark for the 1000m, while the former will also go in the 1500m.

"I CAN'T WAIT TO GET BACK OUT TO KOREA AND COMPETE AGAIN IN FRONT OF THE AMAZING CROWDS. I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING PART OF TEAM GB AGAIN AFTER FOUR YEARS."

Elise Christie

DID YOU KNOW?

Short track speed skaters can reach speeds of over 30mph on blades just 1mm thick.

COMPETITION FORMAT

In short track speed skating multiple competitors race around an oval shaped track 111.12m in circumference in an anti-clockwise direction.

The rink itself is 60m long and 30m wide, which is the same size as an international standard ice hockey rink.

The Olympic programme was expanded from four events at Albertville 1992 to six at Lillehammer 1994 and then eight from Salt Lake 2002.

The individual events are the same for both genders with the 500m, 1000m, 1500m contested in addition to two relays – 5000m for men and 3000m for women.

Racing begins in a mass start and there are no designated lanes so the fast-paced action results in frequent collisions with the first man or woman over the line declared the winner.

However with no set lanes there are a number of ways that a racer can be disqualified during the race as they compete for position around each bend.

“IT’S BEEN AN AIM FOR ME TO GET TO THE GAMES, PARTICULARLY IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS SINCE SOCHI. THERE HAS BEEN HEARTACHE AND SUCCESS ALONG THE WAY, SO IT FEELS AMAZING TO BE SELECTED.”

Joshua Cheetham

These range from false starts to impeding or blocking an opponent, as well as skating off the track, and even team skating where competitors from the same country conspire to determine the result.

Individual events begin with 32 skaters (or 36 in the case of the 1500m) and heats, with the first two to cross the finish line advancing to the quarter-finals, then semi-finals with the medal race contested by the final four.

The relay events see eight teams of four athletes first divided into two heats of

DID YOU KNOW?

Hosts South Korea lead the way when it comes to Olympic medals won with 42 in total, including 21 golds.

four and, much like in individual racing, the top two advancing to the final.

Every team agrees on the number of laps each athlete should skate although the last two laps must be covered by the same person.

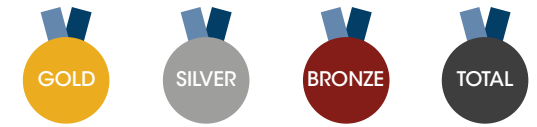


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TEAM GB AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES



TOTAL AT OLYMPICS

Team GB's only Olympic short track speed skating medal was Nicky Gooch's 500m bronze at Lillehammer 1994

EVENTS SCHEDULE

M = Men's events W = Women's events 🏅 = Medal event

DATE	TIME	EVENT
10 Feb	19:00-21:50	M 🏅 1500m
		W 500m, 3000m relay: qualification
13 Feb	19:00-21:30	M 1000m, 5000m relay: qualification
		W 🏅 500m
17 Feb	19:00-21:55	M 🏅 1000m
		W 🏅 1500m
20 Feb	19:00-21:00	M 500m: qualification
		W 1000m: qualification, 🏅 3000m relay
22 Feb	19:00-21:45	M 🏅 500m, 🏅 5000m relay
		W 🏅 1000m

ATHLETE PROFILES

JOSHUA CHEETHAM



Events: 1000m
Age: 25 (26.10.1992)
Born: Nottingham
Hometown: Nottingham
Previous Games attended: None

Joshua Cheetham has been gradually building his experience on the short track speed skating ice since taking up the sport at Nottingham Ice Racing Club.

He initially got into the sport through his dad who took him to the local rink - a decision that paid dividends when he finished sixth at the 2010 Junior World Championships.

Prior to PyeongChang, his most memorable sporting achievement to date was winning bronze in the 5000m relay at the 2016 European Championships in Sochi.

ELISE CHRISTIE



Events: 500m, 1000m, 1500m
Age: 27 (13.08.1990)
Born: Livingston
Hometown: Nottingham
Previous Games attended: Sochi 2014, Vancouver 2010

There's not much this young Scot has left to achieve in the world of short track speed skating, but having left Sochi 2014 - her second Games -

empty-handed, Elise Christie has a score to settle on the Winter Olympic stage.

A ten-time European champion, Christie stormed into the record books once more in March 2017, winning the world titles at 1000m, 1500m and the overall gold, the first British and first European woman to do so.

Following three disqualifications at Sochi 2014, the 12-time world medallist will be confident of improving on her previous Olympic best result of 11th in the 500m at Vancouver 2010.

@Elise_Christie @elisechristielikescake

CHARLOTTE GILMARTIN



Events: 500m, 1000m, 1500m
Age: 27 (03.07.1990)
Born: Redditch
Hometown: Nottingham
Previous Games attended: Sochi 2014

Charlotte Gilmartin began competing as a junior speed skater for Great Britain aged just 15, before rising through the ranks to regularly compete on the world stage as a senior, claiming an individual 1500m bronze at the 2013 European Championships in Malmo.

She made her Olympic Winter Games debut at Sochi 2014, finishing 16th in the 500m and 28th in the 1500m.

In January 2016, Gilmartin won 3000m gold and overall silver at the European Championships and added 500m bronze a year later.

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KATHRYN THOMSON



Events: 500m, 1000m, 1500m
Age: 22 (26.01.1996)
Born: Irvine
Hometown: Nottingham
Previous Games attended: None

Such was the way Kathryn Thomson impressed in her first year with the team, she was selected as part of the women's relay team for the European Championships in 2013.

By then she had also shown off her 500m ability, winning silver at the 2013 European Youth Olympic Winter Festival representing Team GB, where she was also the flagbearer for the Closing Ceremony.

A year later she helped the British team to 3000m relay silver at the European Championships while PyeongChang 2018 will see the 2013 and 2014 British junior champion achieve her dream of competing at an Olympic Winter Games.

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FARRELL TREACY



Events: 1000m, 1500m
Age: 22 (29.04.1995)
Born: Henley-In-Arden
Hometown: Nottingham
Previous Games attended: None

Farrell Treacy has shown himself to get better and better with each race that comes, securing numerous World Cup quarter-final appearances in the build-up to PyeongChang 2018.

That saw him hit the qualification requisite for the 1000m – the race he'll compete in on his Winter Olympic debut as well as the 1500m.

Having first begun skating in January 2007 at Solihull Ice Rink and with two younger brothers also in the sport, Treacy has progressed to competing at World and European Championship level, helping the 5000m relay team to sixth at the latter last year.

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Games Time Role: Coach

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GEMMA PARRY

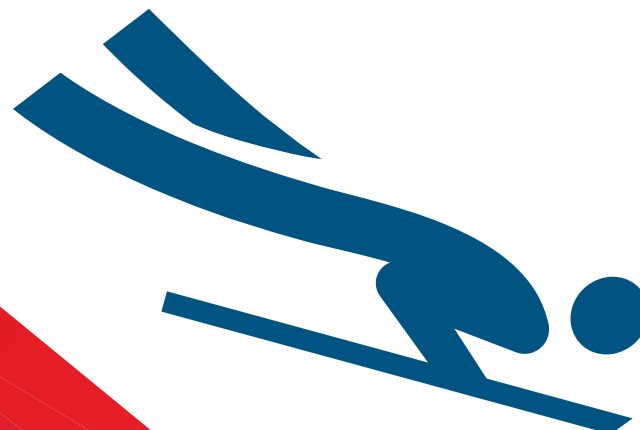


Games Time Role: Physio

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SKELETON



INTRODUCTION

Skeleton was first part of the Olympic programme when the Games were held in St. Moritz, with competitions taking place on the famous Cresta Run in 1928 as the sport made its maiden appearance.

The event returned after a 20-year absence for a second outing as the same venue acted as the host city in 1948. The sport was officially known as tobogganing but it was dropped from the schedule thereafter.

However, having gained popularity in the 1990s, it returned for Salt Lake City 2002 and has remained on the Games programme ever since.

Skeleton is a form of single-person sled racing. Athletes must possess razor-sharp reflexes and a strong responsive body core that shifts their weight from one side to the other while steering the skeleton.

Team GB are second on the all-time medal table behind only the USA, winning six medals, including two golds.

Since the sport returned to the Games, Team GB has always secured a women's podium place with Alex Coomber winning bronze at Salt Lake City 2002, Shelley Rudman claiming silver at Turin 2006, Amy Williams grabbing gold at Vancouver 2010 and Lizzy Yarnold matching that at Sochi 2014.

Their success continued a tradition established by David Carnegie, who won bronze in 1928 and John Crammond who took the same colour medal in 1948.

No skeleton slider has defended an Olympic title, indeed only two athletes, Switzerland's Gregor Stähli and Latvia's Martins Dukurs, have won two medals of any colour.

DID YOU KNOW?
Team GB have won skeleton medals at each of the last four Olympic Winter Games.

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TEAM GB AT PYEONGCHANG 2018

Team GB will be able to boast an Olympic champion in their PyeongChang 2018 ranks, with Lizzy Yarnold looking to replicate her experience of four years ago.

Not only would she become the first skeleton slider to defend an Olympic title but a podium finish would see her become the first female to win multiple medals in the sport.

Yarnold has certainly shown she has the pedigree too, finishing fastest in each of her four runs at Sochi, setting track records in the first and third.

Since then she has continued her strong form, becoming world and European champion in 2015, while also standing on the world podium in 2017, this time taking bronze.

She will be joined by Laura Deas, who has continued to go from strength to strength in recent seasons, including registering five top-ten World Cup finishes this season.

Dom Parsons is the experienced head among the men's team having made his Games debut at Sochi 2014 where he finished tenth. He also placed eighth at his fourth World Championships in 2017.

He will be joined by Jerry Rice, who makes his maiden Olympic Winter Games appearance after a number of promising World Cup results, including 11th in St. Moritz last month.

COMPETITION FORMAT

Events take place on the same track as the bobsleigh and luge, and start with a running or push phase, after which the athlete dives onto the sled and descends down the track.

FACT FILE

VENUE: Olympic Sliding Centre
GOLD MEDALS AVAILABLE: 2
DATES: February 15-17
NUMBER OF TEAM GB ATHLETES:
Men 2 Women 2

Athletes lie prone, facing downhill, with arms at their sides, steering the skeleton with tiny movements of their body.

A number of timed training runs will be staged before the competition to enable sliders to familiarise themselves with conditions and the track. In addition, all teams have had allotted training time on the track in the build-up to the Games.

Competition takes two days, with two runs staged on each day for both men and women.

The fastest total time determines the winner, with timings made to 0.01 seconds. If two athletes complete the competition in a tie, they are awarded the same place.

The starting order for the first run is considered crucial by sliders, with a definite advantage to being among the first down the track while the ice is still fresh.

DID YOU KNOW?
During races, elite skeleton athletes can reach speeds of 80mph on the track and experience forces up to 5g.

“AS AN ATHLETE YOU DO SO MUCH HARD WORK, BUT IT’S WORTH IT FOR DAYS LIKE THIS.”

Lizzy Yarnold after winning gold at Sochi 2014

“I’M GOING TO PYEONGCHANG WITH THE INTENTION OF WINNING A MEDAL. THAT’S BEEN THE AIM THROUGHOUT MY CAREER.”

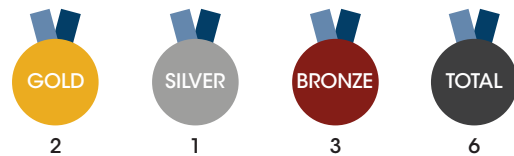
Laura Deas



World rankings are used to give the top ranked sliders the benefit of an early start number, with the order of proceeding runs based on rankings after the previous run.

For the second run onwards, the top 20 competitors start in reverse order of their time. In the second group of 20, the fastest competitor goes first, i.e. 21st down the track to the last competitor in the field.

TEAM GB AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES



TOTAL AT OLYMPICS

EVENTS SCHEDULE

M = Men’s events **W** = Women’s events **🏅** = Medal event

DATE	TIME	EVENT
15 Feb	10:00-12:25	M Heat 1&2
16 Feb	09:30-12:10	M 🏅 Heat 3&4
	20:20-22:10	W Heat 1&2
17 Feb	20:20-22:40	W 🏅 Heat 3&4

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ATHLETE PROFILES

LAURA DEAS



Age: 29 (19.08.1988)
Born: Wrexham
Hometown: Bath
Previous Games attended: None

Wrexham’s Laura Deas enjoyed a professional eventing career prior to her skeleton selection, having also captained Wales at international tetrathlon competitions.

A gifted sportswoman, she played competitive netball and represented North Wales at hockey.

Deas started skeleton back in 2009 through the UK Sport talent programme, Girls4Gold, inspired by the idea of one day competing at an Olympic Winter Games.

She has since forged a promising career in the sport, earning her first World Cup win in Altenberg in November 2015 and just missing out on a European Championship medal in 2017 with a fourth-place finish.

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DOM PARSONS



Age: 30 (08.09.1987)
Born: London
Hometown: Bath
Previous Games attended: Sochi 2014

A former 400m runner, Dom Parsons was first introduced to skeleton in 2007, when two-time Olympian Adam Pengilly took him to the push track at Bath University.

The London-born athlete achieved two fourth-place finishes at the Junior World Championships in 2009 and 2010 before competing at senior level in 2013, when he finished ninth.

At his first Olympic Winter Games at Sochi 2014, Parsons came tenth and went on to finish eighth at his fourth World Championships in Germany three years later.

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JERRY RICE



Age: 27 (03.10.1990)
Born: High Wycombe
Hometown: Amersham
Previous Games attended: None

A former semi-professional rugby league and union player, Jerry Rice converted to the sport after contacting GB Skeleton and, after impressing in testing, slid for the first time in late 2012.

He made his World Cup debut in the final race of the 2015/2016 season, finishing 15th in Königssee and his first World Championship appearance came at the same track in February 2017, where he finished 19th.

Rice was also crowned the 2016/2017 Intercontinental Cup champion, gaining invaluable experience ahead of his Olympic Winter Games debut in PyeongChang.

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LIZZY YARNOLD



Age: 29 (31.10.1988)
Born: Sevenoaks
Hometown: Shedfield
Previous Games attended: Sochi 2014

Lizzy Yarnold won Team GB’s only gold medal of the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games after dominating the women’s skeleton from start to finish. Team GB claimed

the skeleton title for the second successive time after Amy Williams won gold at Vancouver 2010.

A reasonably late starter at the age of 20, Yarnold first started participating in skeleton after applying for the UK Sport and EIS Talent ID Campaign, Girls4Gold, where she was spotted as having huge potential in the sport.

Following her success in the Olympics and the World Cup, Yarnold completed a career grand slam in 2014/2015 by becoming European champion in February 2015, before setting two new track records en route to becoming world champion the following month.

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ERIC BERNOTAS



Games Time Role: Coach

RACHEL BLACKBURN



Games Time Role: Technical Personnel

JEN BRYANT



Games Time Role: Technical Personnel

EDWARD McDERMOTT

Games Time Role: Coach



CALEB SMITH

Games Time Role: Coach



DAVE SHORT

Games Time Role: Technical Personnel



LOUISE TURNER

Games Time Role: Physio



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SNOWBOARDING

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INTRODUCTION

Snowboarding is the newest sport at the Olympic Winter Games having not officially appeared until Nagano 1998, where there were just two events for men and women – halfpipe and giant slalom.

Giant slalom – a downhill event similar to giant slalom skiing – only featured at Nagano 1998 though, replaced by parallel giant slalom – a downhill head-to-head race – for Salt Lake City 2002.

At Turin 2006 snowboard cross joined halfpipe and parallel giant slalom on the Olympic programme. It remained that way at Vancouver 2010 before parallel slalom and slopestyle were added for Sochi 2014, while PyeongChang 2018 will see the addition of big air to the programme – with the removal of parallel slalom keeping the number of gold medals on offer at ten.

America are the dominant snowboarding nation and, in Shaun White and Seth Wescott, they have two of the three most successful athletes in Olympic history. Philipp Schoch of Switzerland is the other athlete to have won double gold.

Team GB's first Olympic Winter Games medal on snow came in snowboarding at Sochi 2014 where Jenny Jones took bronze in the slopestyle. That event was won by Jamie Anderson, one of three snowboarding gold medals won by the United States.

There were two titles for home favourite Vic Wild who won the men's parallel slalom and giant slalom for Russia while Austria's Julia Dujmovits and Switzerland's Patrizia Kummer were successful in the respective women's finals – the Swiss team adding another title through Iouri Podladtchikov in the men's halfpipe.

The snowboard cross titles went to France's Pierre Vaultier and Czech athlete Eva Samková.

DID YOU KNOW?

The first snowboard World Cup event was held in 1985, two years after the first halfpipe World Championship.

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TEAM GB AT PYEONGCHANG 2018

Team GB will take a six-strong team to PyeongChang 2018 as they go in search of more medals on the slopes of South Korea.

After a bronze at Sochi 2014, Team GB will be hopeful of further podium finishes with a squad that boasts World Cup gold medallists among its ranks.

With two of the squad experiencing an Olympic Winter Games for the first time, the knowledge base of riders such as Zoe Gillings-Brier, Billy Morgan, Jamie Nicholls and Aimee Fuller could prove important for the new pair.

Gillings-Brier is appearing at her fourth Games, while at the other end of the scale Katie Ormerod and Rowan Coultas will be making their debuts.

Ormerod, Nicholls and Gillings-Brier have gold medals at World Cup level to their name, while Morgan can boast three bronze medals with Fuller also clocking up numerous top-ten finishes.

The addition of big air into the Olympic schedule also adds another chance at a medal, with most riders capable of taking on both slopestyle and the single jump event.

And not only are Team GB's riders some of the best in the world, they are also pushing the boundaries of what is possible on a board.

Ormerod was the first female to ever land a backside double cork 1080, while Morgan was the first to land a 180° quadruple cork.

And while the majority of Team GB's riders will be competing in slopestyle and big air, Gillings-Brier will once again appear in snowboard cross – keeping up her 100 per cent participation record since the discipline was introduced at the Turin Games in 2006.

FACT FILE

VENUE: Alpensia Ski Jumping Centre (big air), Phoenix Snow Park

GOLD MEDALS AVAILABLE: 10

DATES: February 10-24

NUMBER OF TEAM GB ATHLETES: Men 3 Women 3

COMPETITION FORMAT

There are five events for men and five events for women at PyeongChang 2018, producing ten gold medals – halfpipe, snowboard cross, parallel giant slalom, big air and slopestyle.

In halfpipe, athletes ride down a semi-circular sloped tube shaped into the snow and, using speed gained on the slope, come up over the rim of the pipe and perform aerial tricks on which they are judged.

Split into two parts, riders perform two qualification runs, with only their best mark used to determine the 12 best competitors, who complete another two runs in the final.

Snowboard cross is held on a course including jumps, bumps, berms and

“THE SLOPESTYLE SNOWBOARD TEAM IS A TESTAMENT TO THE FACT THAT IT DOES NOT MATTER WHERE YOU COME FROM – EACH AND EVERY SINGLE RIDER ON THE TEAM IS SO STRONG IN THEIR OWN UNIQUE WAY.”

Aimee Fuller

“WE’VE BEEN OUT IN SOUTH KOREA FOR A TEST EVENT AND IT WAS PRETTY EPIC SO I’M REALLY HAPPY TO BE SPENDING A WHOLE GAMES OUT THERE.”

Billy Morgan

other obstacles and begins with a qualifying round whereby athletes race on their own against the clock.

The fastest athletes are split into groups of four, who race in heats against each other with the top two proceeding to the next round until there are four athletes left to contest the final.

Parallel giant slalom involves head-to-head racing but begins with a qualification round where athletes compete on their own against the clock, to determine the fastest – over two runs – who advance to the elimination rounds to decide the medallists.

Slopestyle, like halfpipe, sees riders’ performances judged. The more athletes make best use of all the features and jumps on the course, along with producing technically difficult tricks that are executed well and linked together, the higher they will score.

Height gained on jumps is also a factor while a failure to land cleanly can lead to a decrease in score. There are no set rules but new tricks generally score high.

DID YOU KNOW?

Aged just 15, Japan’s Ayumu Hirano became the youngest snowboarder to win an Olympic medal with silver in the Sochi 2014 halfpipe final.

Slopestyle begins with a qualification round from which the top athletes – judged by their best score after two runs – advance to the final.

The final sees riders performing another two runs, with their best score contributing to the overall placings.

A new event for PyeongChang 2018, big air works in much the same way as slopestyle, with riders’ jumps judged on height, distance, difficulty and execution.

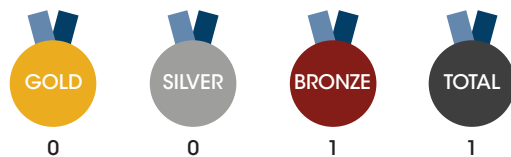
After two jumps, a riders’ best score is used to determine who then go through to the final to perform another two jumps, with their best score from the final determining the outcome.

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TEAM GB AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES



TOTAL AT OLYMPICS

Team GB’s only Olympic snowboarding medal was Jenny Jones’ slopestyle bronze at Sochi 2014.

EVENTS SCHEDULE

M = Men’s events W = Women’s events M/W = Mixed event 🏆 = Medal event

DATE	TIME	EVENT
10 Feb	10:00-14:30	M Slopestyle qualification
11 Feb	10:00-11:45	M 🏆 Slopestyle finals
	13:30-15:35	W Slopestyle qualification
12 Feb	10:00-11:45	W 🏆 Slopestyle finals
	13:30-15:00	W Halfpipe qualification
13 Feb	10:00-11:40	W 🏆 Halfpipe finals
	13:00-14:50	M Halfpipe qualification
14 Feb	10:30-12:10	M 🏆 Halfpipe final
15 Feb	11:00-12:35	M Snowboard cross seeding round
	13:30-15:00	M 🏆 Snowboard cross finals
16 Feb	10:00-11:25	W Snowboard cross seeding round
	12:15-13:15	W 🏆 Snowboard cross finals
19 Feb	09:30-12:25	W Big air qualifications
21 Feb	09:30-12:45	M Big air qualifications
22 Feb	12:00-13:50	M/W Parallel giant slalom qualifications
23 Feb	09:30-11:15	W 🏆 Big air finals
24 Feb	10:00-11:45	M 🏆 Big air finals
	12:00-13:30	M/W 🏆 Parallel giant slalom finals

Team GB will compete in all events except the parallel giant slalom and halfpipe competitions and men’s snowboard cross

ATHLETE PROFILES

ROWAN COULTAS



Event: Big air, slopestyle
Age: 20 (21.06.1997)
Born: Bedford
Hometown: Bedford
Previous Games attended: None

What started with a Christmas present of a snowboard lesson in 2009 has now become a profession for Rowan Coultas. A fan of skating and surfing when away from the snow, Coultas made his World Cup debut in February 2015 at the Park City slopestyle – finishing 13th. With a silver Junior World Championship medal to his name from 2010 and numerous World Cup top ten finishes, Coultas was selected to make his Olympic debut at PyeongChang 2018.

@rowancoultas @rowancoultas

AIMEE FULLER



Event: Big air, slopestyle
Age: 26 (21.07.1991)
Born: Keston
Hometown: Belfast
Previous Games attended: Sochi 2014

Aimee Fuller first started snowboarding when she moved to Washington DC in 2003 and became the first woman to land a double backflip and cab double 900. The Kent snowboarder competed for Team GB at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, where she just missed out on qualification for the slopestyle final, eventually finishing 17th. In 2017 she achieved top-20 finishes at the World Championships in both the big air and slopestyle competitions – leading to a second Olympic selection.

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ZOE GILLINGS-BRIER



Event: Snowboard cross
Age: 32 (14.06.1985)
Born: Isle of Man
Hometown: Leeds
Previous Games attended: Sochi 2014, Vancouver 2010, Turin 2006

From the Isle of Man, Zoe Gillings-Brier competed in the British Snowboarding Championships at just ten years of age.

In 2005, an injury left Gillings-Brier with all the mid bones in her left foot shattered, causing doctors to tell her she would be lucky to walk again, let alone snowboard.

Despite that, she made her Olympic debut in the first ever women's snowboard cross just eight months later, finishing 15th at Turin 2006, before also competing at the 2010 and 2014 Games, finishing eighth and ninth respectively.

Since Sochi, Gillings-Brier has got married and had her first child, Lea, but returned to the snow and qualified for her fourth Olympic Winter Games.

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BILLY MORGAN



Event: Big air, slopestyle
Age: 28 (02.04.1989)
Born: Southampton
Hometown: Southampton
Previous Games attended: Sochi 2014

From starting on the dry slopes aged 14 to appearing at Sochi 2014, Billy Morgan's rise up the snowboarding ranks has been impressive.

Morgan began his sporting career as an acrobatic gymnast, but switched to snowboarding. The Brit landed the world's first triple rodeo flip in December 2011, then in April 2015, he again made history by becoming the world's first rider to land a 1800 quadruple cork.

Morgan finished tenth in the men's slopestyle final at Sochi 2014, having already sealed his first World Cup podium when he took bronze in Sierra Nevada the year before. In 2017, he achieved two further World Cup podium finishes, picking up bronze in both.

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JAMIE NICHOLLS



Event: Big air, Slopestyle
Age: 24 (21.07.1993)
Born: Bradford
Hometown: London
Previous Games attended: Sochi 2014

Jamie Nicholls became the first British male snowboarder to win a World Cup event when he topped the podium in the Czech Republic in 2016.

The Bradford-born athlete took up the sport aged seven at Halifax Ski and Snowboard centre, but by the age of 13 he was already considered one of the best UK snowboarders.

At Sochi 2014, Nicholls qualified directly for the final where he finished sixth overall.

In 2017, Nicholls claimed two more World Cup medals, winning bronze in the Czech Republic and silver in Italy - leading to selection for his second Olympic Winter Games.

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KATIE ORMEROD



Event: Big air, slopestyle
Age: 20 (25.08.1997)
Born: Brighouse
Hometown: Brighouse
Previous Games attended: None

After becoming British big air and slopestyle champion in 2012, Katie Ormerod has established herself as a star of the UK snowboarding scene.

The former county gymnast became the youngest girl to land a double backflip on a snowboard at the age of 15 and at 16 did the world's first backside double cork 1080.

Ormerod achieved big air World Cup podium finishes in Canada, Korea and Germany in 2016, the same year she won X Games slopestyle bronze, before also claiming her first gold in the big air World Cup event in Russia in 2017.

She began the Olympic season with big air silver in Milan and was subsequently selected for her maiden Olympic Winter Games experience.

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DAN HUNT



Games Time Role: Ski and Snowboard Team Leader

LESLIE McKENNA



Games Time Role: Freestyle Skiing and Snowboard Team Leader

JAMES FOSTER



Games Time Role: Coach

HAMISH McKNIGHT



Games Time Role: Coach

SOPHIE MORRISON



Games Time Role: Team Manager

ALISON ROBB



Games Time Role: Physio

JACK SHACKLETON



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