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# FOREWORD

## DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS FOREWORD



Firstly, thank you for your ongoing commitment to covering Olympic sport and, in this instance, the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022. As has become the norm in recent times, these Games have not been without complication and our gratitude goes to every one of you who has taken the time, effort and expense to travel to Beijing. Likewise, we know that for a number of media it is unavoidable to be covering these games from home – we very much value the time and attention you give to our team, sports and athletes. Wherever you are, thank you for your professional interest in Team GB.

As we found in Tokyo, if you can stay Covid free and navigate safe passage into the country, the spectacle of the live sport will make it all worthwhile. I have no doubt that this Games will be the same – the venues are spectacular, the athletes are ready to perform at their prime, and the competition will be as fierce as ever. For Team GB this is another chance to progress the story of winter sport in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

In this handbook you will find all of the information you should need to know about the sports we're represented in and the athletes we're represented by for the duration of the Games. From detailing each

sport, to providing biographical information for each athlete, the handbook should be a useful reference point for all things Team GB.

You will also find the names, numbers and emails of the entire Team GB media team both in Beijing and back in the UK – please do be in touch with us with your questions and queries, and we'll do our best to help.

I would like to stress that we're also here for much more than interview requests. For those in China - should you find any difficulties whilst in country, please do be in touch with us. Your safety and welfare is every bit as important to us as it is the wider delegation.

I hope you enjoy the Games and thank you, once again, for your support for and coverage of Team GB.

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# WELCOME TO BEIJING



Welcome to Beijing 2022 where Team GB's Olympic athlete delegation arrives hoping to continue the history-making feats of the last two Olympic Winter Games.

Four years ago in PyeongChang, Team GB athletes won five medals for the second successive Games, with Lizzy Yarnold establishing herself as Britain's most successful Winter Olympian as well as the most successful Olympic skeleton athlete from any nation as she retained her women's skeleton title.

While Yarnold has since retired, the British contingent arrives looking to improve on the record tallies of five achieved both in PyeongChang, and four years earlier in Sochi.

This year there will be a record 109 gold medals up for grabs in 15 disciplines across seven sports.

There are seven new events making their Olympic debuts, with four in mixed events as the Olympics continues to add to the mixed programme that has captured the imagination in both Winter and Summer Games.

## FACT FILE

More than 3,000 athletes from 91 nations are expected at the 24th Olympic Winter Games. Beijing is the fourth Asian city to host the Games after Sapporo (1972), Nagano (1998) and PyeongChang (2018). Saudi Arabia and Haiti will field athletes for the first time, both entering alpine skiers.

Team GB athletes from a wide range of sports head to Beijing with real medal ambitions, with the bobsleigh team having particularly caught the eye this season.

Elsewhere, Britain's curlers arrive having claimed World Championship success in 2021, while snowboarder Charlotte Bankes, representing Team

GB at the Games for the first time after competing for France in 2014 and 2018, is the reigning world snowboard cross champion.

In South Korea, GB broke new ground with a first medal on skis (Izzy Atkin), two medallists in the same event for the first time (Yarnold and Laura Deas) and three medals on the same day for the first time (Atkin, Yarnold and Deas).

With the form shown across a range of sports over the winter, there is every reason to believe more records can be broken in Beijing.

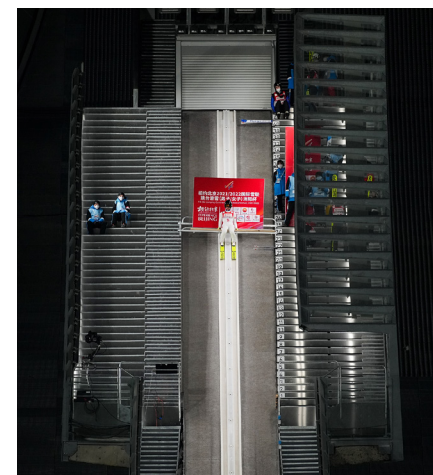
## BEIJING 2022

What is for certain is that Beijing 2022 will be a landmark Olympic Winter Games.

After a successful bid in 2015, this will be the third successive Games hosted in Asia, following PyeongChang 2018 and then the delayed Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo which took place last year.

Beijing 2022 will be the most gender-equal Winter Olympics ever, with 12 of the 15 sports now gender-equal and Nordic combined the only sport with no female participation.

The Chinese capital will also hold the distinction of being the first city to have hosted both the Summer and Winter Games, having won the vote to host the Games over Almaty in Kazakhstan.



The 2008 Olympic Summer Games in Beijing were memorable for some of the iconic venues used, with a number set to feature again in 2022. The Bird's Nest, where Usain Bolt rewrote the record books, will not host a sport in 2022 but will be used for both the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

Meanwhile the National Aquatics Centre, fondly known as the 'Water Cube' 14 years ago, has been repurposed to host the curling events and is now being nicknamed the 'Ice Cube'.

The National Indoor Stadium and the Wukesong Sports Centre return to both host ice hockey, while the Capital Indoor Stadium will stage short track and figure skating.

There is also a new venue which will accommodate the big air events, the Big Air Shougang. Built on the site of a former steel mill, it is the world's first permanent big air venue.

The majority of the ice events will take place in the Beijing cluster of venues, but there are two further clusters.

The Yanqing district, some 90km to the northwest of Beijing, will play host to the alpine skiing events, as well as the bobsleigh, luge and skeleton events.

Lastly, the Zhangjiakou cluster is 220km from the centre of Beijing but just an hour on the new intercity railway. It will be the venue for events such as the cross-country skiing and biathlon, as well as the snowboarding and freestyle skiing events.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The performance of the host nation comes into sharp focus at every Olympic Games and China will be no different. They won one gold medal at PyeongChang 2018 - in short track speed skating - and with nine overall medals finished 16th in the medal table, behind Belarus. Short track has provided more than half of China's Winter Olympic medals with ten golds and 33 gongs overall.

# COMPETITION SCHEDULE

## BEIJING 2022 EVENTS SCHEDULE

Event	WED 02	THUR 03	FRI 04	SAT 05	SUN 06	MON 07	TUE 08	WED 09
OPENING/CLOSING CEREMONY			○					
ALPINE SKIING					○	○	○	○
BOBSLEIGH								
BIATHLON				○		○	○	
CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING				○	○		○	
CURLING	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●
FREESTYLE SKIING		●		○	○	●	○	○
FIGURE SKATING			●		●	○	●	
ICE HOCKEY		●	●	●	●	●	●	●
LUGE				●	○	●	○	○
NORDIC COMBINED								○
SNOWBOARD				●	○	○	○	○
SKI JUMPING				○	○	○		
SKELETON								
SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING				○		○		○
SPEED SKATING				○	○	○	○	

Event Competitions ● Event Finals ○ Opening/ Closing Ceremony ○

Event	THUR 10	FRI 11	SAT 12	SUN 13	MON 14	TUE 15	WED 16	THUR 17	FRI 18	SAT 19	SUN 20
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# TEAM GB AT BEIJING 2022

## INTRODUCING THE TEAM AT THE GAMES

Team GB athletes have muscle memory in making history - they do it practically every time they step on ice or snow at the Olympic Winter Games.

Jenny Jones delivered a maiden Olympic medal on snow in 2014, Izzy Atkin brought home Britain's first ever on skis four years later and the current crop are poised to raise the bar once again at Beijing 2022.

A number of them already have form when it comes to rewriting record books and none more so than Charlotte Bankes.

Snowboard cross is as unpredictable an Olympic sport as they come but Bankes has been a banker for qualifying spots and major medals since changing licence from France in 2018.

The 26-year-old became Britain's first snowboarding world champion last February and heads to Beijing in sensational form, having won back-to-back World Cup gold medals in Krasnoyarsk in January after also



Atkin won slopestyle bronze at the age of 19

topping the podium in Montafon before Christmas. Add in her season-opening silver medal in Secret Garden and her total World Cup tally stands at four for this season.

Bankes wants to rewrite her Olympic history having finished 17th and seventh in 2014 and 2018 - a feeling shared by fellow snowboarder Katie Ormerod.

Ormerod fractured her heel in slopestyle training before PyeongChang 2018 and missed out on a Games debut.

She has spent the last four years making amends and lifted the World Cup overall title - known as the Crystal Globe - in that discipline in 2020, the first British woman and snowboarder to do so.

Park and pipe is expected to be productive for Team GB and slopestyle, a notoriously open event, was the stage for Jones and Atkin's historic medal-winning feats.

Atkin senior will hope to be back for more - with the big air event, making its debut, an ever-sharper string to her bow - alongside sister Zoe, five years younger but no less promising with world halfpipe bronze in the bag.

Gus Kenworthy is back at the Games for a second debut, this time for the country of his birth, having won silver at Sochi 2014 while representing Team USA. The halfpipe star returned to the Games stage in 2018, finishing 12th.

Freeski slopestyle specialist James Woods will hope to take a final step onto the Olympic podium having finished fifth in Sochi and fourth in PyeongChang.

Katie Summerhayes is another returning for a third Games and there's a debut for teenager Kirsty Muir, who won Youth Olympic silver in big air in 2020.

Elsewhere, Cornelius Kersten and Ellia Smeding ensure Team GB will be represented in long track speed skating for the first time since 1992 and Rupert Staudinger will fly the flag in luge for the second Games in a row. At the Capital Indoor Stadium, figure skaters Lilah Fear and Lewis Gibson are the latest to



Bruce Mouat and Jennifer Dodds (centre) are the first Team GB curlers to compete in two disciplines

continue Britain's legendary ice dance legacy while Natasha McKay joins them in the women's individual event.

Slalom star Dave Ryding has certainly unlocked his best form ahead of a fourth Olympic appearance and stopped the winter sporting world with Great Britain's first World Cup medal in Kitzbuhel. It was the nation's first in 55 years of trying.

The same goes for fellow history-maker and four-time Olympian Andrew Musgrave, who will hope to improve on seventh in the 30km four years ago.

Stalwarts of Team GB on snow, they both claimed top-ten finishes four years ago and have since registered World Cup results suggesting they can upgrade those.

British female skeleton racers have reached the podium in five successive Games, a remarkable run stretching back to the sport's reintroduction to the programme in 2002.

Laura Deas, herself a bronze medallist at PyeongChang 2018, is joined by Brogan Crowley for Beijing 2022.

Things are looking rosy on the men's side with Matt Weston ending a 14-year wait for a British victory in a men's World Cup race in November and Marcus Wyatt impressing a month prior to win silver in the test event on the very Beijing track he'll be hurtling down come the Games.

Medal hopes soar highest in bobsleigh with pilot Brad Hall and his push crew colleagues putting together a fantastic World Cup campaign.

Hall is closing in on all-conquering Francesco Friedrich and his German sled and collected multiple silver medals in both two-man and four-man events across the World Cup season.

Curling has provided some of Britain's most memorable Winter Olympic moments and 20 years after Rhona Martin's 'Stone of Destiny' secured gold in Salt Lake City, a ten-strong squad are well-equipped to return Team GB to the Olympic podium.

Eve Muirhead is determined to improve on fourth place at PyeongChang and, with a newly-formed rink, is aiming to reach or even surpass the heights that saw her take bronze in Sochi.

Her rink reached Beijing by winning the Olympic Qualification Event, their final chance to qualify, having grabbed European gold in their first tournament together in November.

Bruce Mouat and Jennifer Dodds become the first British curlers to compete in two disciplines at a Games, heading into the mixed doubles as reigning world champions.

In the men's event, Mouat and team-mates Grant Hardie, Bobby Lammie and Hammy McMillan have become a dominant force on the prestigious Grand Slam circuit in Canada.

They scooped silver at April's World Championships and joined Muirhead with European gold.

Their challenge, shared with all their fellow Team GB athletes, is to find that form and hold their nerve on the biggest stage in sport.

# TEAM GB FACTS & STATS

## FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Niall and Farrell Treacy - short track speed skating - brothers

Zoe and Izzy Atkin - freestyle skiing - sisters

Makayla and Leonie Gerken Schofield - moguls skiing - sisters

Grant Hardie and Hammy McMillan - curling - cousins

- **YOUNGEST ATHLETE\*** | **KIRSTY MUIR** (FREESTYLE SKIING): 17 YEARS, 9 MONTHS
- **OLDEST ATHLETE\*** | **DAVE RYDING** (ALPINE SKIING): 35 YEARS, 1 MONTH, 30 DAYS
- **TEAM SIZE** | **SOCHI: 56; PYEONGCHANG: 58; BEIJING: 50**

\*age they will be on Friday 4th February (Opening Ceremony)

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- 📅 Bobby Lammie - Curling - 10 February (turning 25)
- 📅 Andrew Young - Cross-country skiing - 12 February (turning 30)
- 📅 Lloyd Wallace - Freestyle skiing - 13 February (turning 27)
- 📅 Leonie Gerken Schofield - Moguls skiing - 15 February (turning 24)

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# TEAM GB HISTORICAL ATHLETES AND MEDALLISTS

YEAR	CITY	NO. OF COMPETITORS	MEN	WOMEN				TOTAL
2018	PyeongChang	58	34	24	1	0	4	5
2014	Sochi	56	33	23	1	1	3	5
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	Innbruck	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

# TEAM GB HISTORICAL FLAGBEARERS

YEAR	CITY	OPENING FLAGBEARER	SPORT	CLOSING FLAGBEARER	SPORT
2018	PyeongChang	Lizzy Yarnold	Skeleton	Billy Morgan	Snowboard
2014	Sochi	Jon Eley	Short Track	Lizzy Yarnold	Skeleton
2010	Vancouver	Shelley Rudman	Skeleton	Amy Williams	Skeleton
2006	Turin	Rhoma 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	Nickey Gooch	Short Track
1992	Albertville	Wilf O'Reilly	Speed Skating	Mark Trout	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	Innbruck	John Curry	Figure Skating		
1972	Sapporo	Mike Freeman	Bobsleigh		
1968	Grenoble	Rob 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 Philips	Figure Skating		
1928	St. Moritz	N/A	N/A		
1924	Chamonix	Colin Carruthers	Ice Hockey		



## TEAM GB ALL-TIME MEDALLISTS

YEAR/ CITY	SPORT		MEDALLIST
PyeongChang 2018	Women's Skeleton	●	Lizzy Yarnold
	Men's Skeleton	●	Dominic Parsons
	Women's Freestyle Skiing Slopestyle	●	Izzy Atkin
	Women's Skeleton	●	Laura Deas
	Men's Snowboard Big Air	●	Billy Morgan
2014 Sochi	Women's Skeleton	●	Lizzy Yarnold
	Men's Curling	●	David Murdoch, Grey Drummond, Scott Andrews, Micheal Goodfellow, Tom Brewster
	Women's Curling	●	Eve Muirhead, Anna Sloan, Vicki Adams, Claire Hamilton, Lauren Gray
	Women's Snowboard Slopestyle	●	Jenny Jones
	Men's four-man bobsleigh	●	Stuart Benson, Joel Fearon, John Jackson, Bruce Tasker
2010 Vancouver	Women's Skeleton	●	Amy Williams
2006 Turin	Women's Skeleton	●	Shelley Rudman
2002 Salt Lake City	Women's Curling	●	Rhona Martin, Deborah Knox, Fiona MacDonald, Janice Rakin, Margaret Morton
	Women's Skeleton	●	Alex Coomber
1998 Nagano	Mens Bobsleigh Four-Man	●	Sean Olsson, Dean Ward, Courtney Rumbolt, Paul Attwood
1994 Lillehammer	Mixed Figure Skating Ice Dance	●	Jayne Torvill, Christopher Dean
	Men's Short Track Men's 500m	●	Nicky Gooch
1984 Sarajevo	Mixed Figure Skating Ice Dance	●	Jayne Torvill, Christopher Dean
1980 Lake Placid	Men's Figure Skating	●	Robin Cousins
1976 Innsbruck	Men's Figure Skating	●	John Curry
1964 Innsbruck	Men's Bobsleigh Two-Man	●	Anthony Nash, Robin Dixon
1952 Oslo	Women's Figure Skating	●	Jeannette Altwegg
1948 St. Moritz	Women's Figure Skating	●	Jeannette Altwegg
	Men's Skeleton	●	John Crammond
1936 Garmisch-Partenkirchen	Men's Ice Hockey	●	Great Britain
	Women's Figure Skating	●	Cecilia Colledge
	Men's Bobsleigh Four-Man	●	Frederick McEvoy, James Cardno, Guy Dugdale, Charles Green
1928 St. Moritz	Men's Skeleton	●	David Carnegie
1924 Chamonix	Men's Curling	●	Willie Jackson, Tom Murray, Robin Welsh, Laurence Jackson
	Men's Bobsleigh Four-Man	●	Thomas Arnold, Ralph Broome, Alex Richardson, Rodney Soher
	Women's Figure Skating	●	Ethel Muckelt
	Men's Ice Hockey	●	Great Britain

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# ALPINE SKIING



One of the signature competitions at the Olympic Winter Games, alpine skiing has been part of the Games programme since making its debut at Garmisch-Partenkirchen 1936.

With skiers reaching speeds of up to 95mph while navigating a winding course full of sharp turns and jumps, it is one of the most physically demanding sports in the Games.

There are 11 events in the alpine competition in total, with both men and women contesting five different disciplines - downhill, slalom, giant slalom, super-giant slalom (or super-G) and combined.

The last event of the competition is the mixed-gender team event, which was introduced for the first time at PyeongChang 2018, meaning there are 33 medals up for grabs overall in Beijing.

In the downhill and super-G events, competitors get just one run to post their fastest time, while the slalom and giant slalom competitions take place over two courses.

Competitors who do not finish or are disqualified from their first run do not advance to the second course. The cumulative time from an athlete's runs is used to determine the winner.

Alpine combined sees skiers participate in one run of downhill and one run of slalom on different courses from the separate events, with the times of the two runs combined to determine the podium.

## DID YOU KNOW?

There is no natural snow in Beijing but the newly-constructed National Alpine Ski Centre in Yanqing provides new pistes to challenge the world's best. "It is one of the best racing mountains in the world," said course designer Bernhard Russi.

In the mixed team event, teams comprised of two men and two women representing the same nation compete against each other in a parallel slalom race.

The head-to-head competition sees one skier from each nation race against each other simultaneously on the same course. Whoever crosses the finish line first is the winner, meaning the team that wins three races advances to the next round.

Team GB have never won a Winter Olympic alpine skiing medal, though Alain Baxter claimed slalom bronze at Salt Lake City 2002 before later being disqualified.



Alex Tilley competed in the slalom, giant slalom and mixed team events in PyeongChang



Team GB finished fifth in the mixed team parallel event in PyeongChang

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 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 that discipline.

Yet expectations are high ahead of Beijing, with evergreen slalom specialist Dave Ryding among the medal hopefuls as he embarks on his fourth Olympic Winter Games.

Ryding finished ninth at PyeongChang 2018 and will be joined again by fellow Brits Charlie Guest, Laurie Taylor and Alex Tilley, who combined to finish in fifth place in the team event.

The main competition for Team GB will most likely come from Austria, who are head and shoulders above the rest as Olympic Winter alpine skiing's most successful nation.

Austria have won 121 medals in alpine events in total - 55 more medals than their closest challenger Switzerland - with 37 gold medals, 41 silver and 43 bronze.

In fact, Austria and Switzerland were first and second in the alpine medal table in PyeongChang, with the former taking top spot once again courtesy of their three gold medals.

## WHAT THEY SAID

**Dave Ryding:** "I treat every race as my Olympics and do or die, life or death. I don't define myself by the Games but I would love to cap it off with a good Olympic result. My motivation is still right up there."

Marcel Hirscher won two of those three Austrian gold medals in the giant slalom and the combined but retired in 2019 so will not be back to defend his titles in Beijing.

The other gold was won by Matthias Mayer, who will be one of the names to look out for in the men's competition as he attempts to top the podium once again in the super-G.

The women's event is also packed with star names, none more so than USA two-time Olympic gold medallist Mikaela Shiffrin as she looks to defend her giant slalom title in Beijing.

Date	Beijing Time	Event(s)	Medal Event
Team GB will compete in the men's and women's slalom, women's giant slalom and mixed team events*			
6TH	11:00 - 13:19	MEN'S DOWNHILL	Ö
7TH	10:15 - 11:55	WOMEN'S GIANT SLALOM RUN 1	Ö
	13:45 - 15:39	WOMEN'S GIANT SLALOM RUN 2	
8TH	11:00 - 13:14	MEN'S SUPER-G	Ö
9TH	10:15 - 11:50	WOMEN'S SLALOM RUN 1	Ö
	13:45 - 15:29	WOMEN'S SLALOM RUN 2	
10TH	10:30 - 12:45	MEN'S ALPINE COMBINED DOWNHILL	Ö
	14:15 - 15:59	MEN'S ALPINE COMBINED SLALOM	
11TH	11:00 - 13:09	WOMEN'S SUPER-G	Ö
13TH	10:15 - 12:15	MEN'S GIANT SLALOM RUN 1	Ö
	13:45 - 15:49	MEN'S GIANT SLALOM RUN 2	
15TH	11:00 - 12:59	WOMEN'S DOWNHILL	Ö
16TH	10:15 - 12:10	MEN'S SLALOM RUN 1	Ö
	13:45 - 15:39	MEN'S SLALOM RUN 2	
17TH	10:30 - 12:00	WOMEN'S ALPINE COMBINED DOWNHILL	Ö
	14:00 - 15:19	WOMEN'S ALPINE COMBINED SLALOM	
19TH	11:00 - 11:44	MIXED TEAM PARALLEL 1/8 FINALS	Ö
	11:47 - 12:10	MIXED TEAM PARALLEL 1/4 FINALS	
	12:14 - 12:29	MIXED TEAM PARALLEL 1/2 FINALS	
	12:37 - 12:43	MIXED TEAM PARALLEL SMALL FINAL	
	12:46 - 12:54	MIXED TEAM PARALLEL BIG FINAL	

Shiffrin won four medals in the 2021 World Championships while she also took combined silver behind Switzerland's Michelle Gisin four years ago in PyeongChang. With the American already in possession of a record-breaking career CV, she will be among the favourites to medal in the giant slalom, slalom and combined events in Beijing.

PyeongChang super-G winner Ester Ledecka of the Czech Republic will be one of those standing in Shiffrin's way, along with Switzerland world champion Lara Gut-Behrami and Gisin.



Dave Ryding came ninth in the slalom in PyeongChang, Team GB's best result in the discipline for 30 years in PyeongChang

## ATHLETE BIOS

### BILLY MAJOR

**EVENT:** MEN'S | **DOB:** 21 NOVEMBER 1996 | **HOME TOWN:** CAMBRIDGE | [T](#) @BILLYMAJORSKI | [I](#) @BILLYMAJOR\_



Billy Major's parents ran a skiing company - so he started skiing aged two and racing aged seven.

As a junior he forged a promising career, competing at the Winter Youth Olympics and winning British titles in 2017 and 2018.

Balancing a neuroscience degree with a burgeoning career, he claimed a landmark

Europa Cup win at the start of 2021 as part of a British one-two with training partner Laurie Taylor.

### DAVE RYDING

**EVENT:** MEN'S | **DOB:** 5 DECEMBER 1986 | **HOME TOWN:** BRETHERTON, LANCASHIRE | [T](#) @DAVERYDING | [I](#) @DAVE\_RYDING | **COMPETED IN:** PYEONGCHANG, SOCHI, VANCOUVER



The most successful British skier of all time, Dave Ryding has carved a unique path to the top table that started on a dry slope in Pendle, Lancashire.

On the eve of Beijing 2022, the 'Rocket' won Great Britain's first gold medal in 55 years of World Cup racing with a stunning slalom success in Kitzbuhel.

It was Ryding's fourth World Cup medal - all of which have come in the month of January - and third in slalom, a discipline in which he has placed in the top 15 in the world for the last five seasons.

In PyeongChang, Ryding secured the best alpine finish by a British skier in 30 years when he placed ninth.

### CHARLIE GUEST

**EVENT:** WOMEN'S | **DOB:** 30 DECEMBER 1993 | **HOME TOWN:** ST MARTIN'S, SCOTLAND | [T](#) @CHARLIE\_GUEST1 | [I](#) @CHARLIEGUESTY | **COMPETED IN:** PYEONGCHANG



Charlie Guest suffered a career-threatening crash on the slopes in late 2014 that left her with four broken vertebrae - but was back on the snow six weeks later.

The slalom specialist made her Olympic debut in PyeongChang and placed 33rd, as well as helping Team GB reach the quarter-finals of the mixed team event.

In January 2022, Guest secured her best-ever World Cup result by finishing 13th in Schladming.

### ALEX TILLEY

**EVENT:** WOMEN'S | **DOB:** 5 OCTOBER 1993 | **HOME TOWN:** TORPHINS, SCOTLAND | [T](#) @ALEXSKITILLEY | [I](#) @ALEXTILLEYSKI | **COMPETED IN:** PYEONGCHANG



None of Alex Tilley's family had skied before but she was introduced to the sport through family friends and took to it like a duck to water.

Having changed equipment brand last year, Tilley returns to the Olympic stage in Beijing four years after making her Games debut in PyeongChang.

In November, she equalled her previous lifetime best World Cup result with 13th in the Sölden giant slalom.

## STAFF BIOS

### VICTORIA GOSLING

TEAM LEADER



### NOEL BAXTER

ALPINE LADIES COACH



### SIMONE CALISSANO

ALPINE LADIES COACH



### FEDERICO DETRAGIACHE

ALPINE LADIES WAX TECHNICIAN



### RYAN FARROW

ALPINE MENS WAX TECHNICIAN



### REINHARD FERNSDNER

ALPINE LEAD TECHNICAL COACH



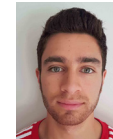
### RACHEL FRAZER

MEDIA OFFICER



### JAT GEYER

ALPINE MENS COACH & WAX TECHNICIAN



### TRISTAN GLASSE-DAVIES

ALPINE MENS COACH



### SOPHIE KEELING

OLYMPIC TEAM MANAGER



### ABT OHELL

TEAM PHYSIO



### PAT SHARPLES

GBS HEAD COACH



# BOBSLEIGH



An iconic Olympic sport, bobsleigh has been contested at every 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 13 golds and 25 medals in total but the sport has been good to Team GB, who 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, while their 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.

Another bronze came in the four-man event at Sochi 2014, with the crew of John Jackson, Bruce Tasker, Stuart Benson and Joel Fearon upgraded to third after two Russian teams were disqualified. The quartet were finally presented with their medals five years after the conclusion of the Games, at the Team GB Ball in 2019.

There are high hopes of further success in Beijing, with pilot Brad Hall enjoying fine form in the 2021-2022 World Cup season.

Hall has won World Cup silvers in the two-man event with both Nick Gleeson and Greg Cackett in 2021-22, as well as finishing second in the Olympic test event in Beijing with Cackett after the pair also took bronze in Innsbruck.

The four-man team, which sees Hall, Cackett and Gleeson joined by Taylor Lawrence, have also been flying this season and have picked up further silvers in Innsbruck and Winterberg (twice) to take Hall's overall tally to seven medals.

Hall is targeting a first Olympic medal at his second Games after finishing 12th in the two-man and 17th in the four-man events at PyeongChang 2018.

In the women's competition, Mica McNeill arrives having set a new personal best weeks before her second Games.

The 28-year-old laid down a marker in January by claiming Britain's first women's World Cup podium for 13 years. McNeill, who won a Youth Olympic silver medal alongside Jazz Sawyers in 2012, took silver alongside Adele Nicoll in Sigulda.

It marked Britain's first medal in women's World Cup bobsleigh since Nicola Minichiello and Gillian Cooke took back-to-back bronze in St Moritz in January 2009 – and also represented the first silver since the same pair finished second in Königssee earlier that month.

McNeill's previous World Cup bests were fourth-place finishes with Montell Douglas in 2019 and 2020.



Mica McNeill and Mica Moore finished eighth in PyeongChang, Team GB's best-ever women's bobsleigh result



Joel Fearon, Nick Gleeson, Brad Hall and Greg Cackett finished 17th in PyeongChang

McNeill has already made Team GB history by finishing eighth in the two-woman event in PyeongChang alongside Mica Moore. That marked the best-ever result by a British women's Olympic bobsleigh team.

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.

Making its Olympic debut in Beijing will be women's monobob, which has featured at the last two Youth Olympic Games.

From a standing start, the crew pushes the sled in unison up to 50m 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.

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

## WHAT THEY SAID

**Brad Hall:** "Everyone knows that this year we are the ones to watch and a lot of the nations are scared of what we can achieve because we're another high performing team."

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

Date	Beijing Time	Event(s)	Medal Event
Team GB will compete in the 2-man, 2-woman and 4-man events*			
13TH	9:30 - 10:13	WOMEN'S MONOBOB HEAT 1	
	11:00 - 11:45	WOMEN'S MONOBOB HEAT 2	
14TH	9:30 - 10:15	WOMEN'S MONOBOB HEAT 3	🥈
	11:00 - 11:50	WOMEN'S MONOBOB HEAT 4	
	20:05 - 21:10	2-MAN HEAT 1	
	21:40 - 22:45	2-MAN HEAT 2	
15TH	20:15 - 21:20	2-MAN HEAT 3	🥈
	21:50 - 22:35	2-MAN HEAT 4	
18TH	20:00 - 20:43	2-WOMAN HEAT 1	
	21:30 - 22:15	2-WOMAN HEAT 2	
19TH	9:30 - 10:30	4-MAN HEAT 1	🥈
	11:05 - 12:05	4-MAN HEAT 2	
	20:00 - 20:45	2-WOMAN HEAT 3	
	21:30 - 22:15	2-WOMAN HEAT 4	
20TH	9:30 - 10:30	4-MAN HEAT 3	🥈
	11:20 - 12:10	4-MAN HEAT 4	

## ATHLETE BIOS

### BRAD HALL

**EVENT:** 4-MAN AND 2-MAN | **DOB:** 16 NOVEMBER 1990 | **HOME TOWN:** BATH, SOMERSET | **TWITTER:** @BOBSLEIGHBRAD | **INSTAGRAM:** @BOBSLEIGHBRAD | **COMPETED IN:** PYEONGCHANG



A gifted all-round sportsman, at one stage Brad Hall looked set to follow in the footsteps of another of Crawley's favourite sons, Daley Thompson, by excelling in decathlon.

A Talent ID session led him first to skeleton, then bobsleigh, in which he has excelled as pilot in Britain's two-man and four-man teams in recent years.

Hall competed in both disciplines at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang and the following March earned Britain's best World Championship two-man finish for 53 years by taking fourth alongside Nick Gleeson.

Regular World Cup medals have followed, including six across two-man and four-man in the 2021/22 campaign.

### TAYLOR LAWRENCE

**EVENT:** 4-MAN | **DOB:** 13 AUGUST 1996 | **HOME TOWN:** THANET, KENT | **TWITTER:** @TAYLOR1LAWRENCE | **INSTAGRAM:** @TAYLOR\_LAWRENCE1



Taylor Lawrence began his bobsleigh adventure in 2019 and it's fair to say he hit the ground running – by January 2020, he was making his World Cup bow in Brad Hall's four-man team.

The brakeman, who had never previously pushed the side handle prior to his debut in Winterberg, stayed on board for the remainder of the season and has since competed at the World Championships and taken home three

World Cup silvers. His exposure to the sport came via the military, where Lawrence has served as a Royal Marine Commando since 2016 and enjoyed plenty of sporting success.

## GREG CACKETT

**EVENT:** 4-MAN | **DOB:** 14 NOVEMBER 1989 | **HOME TOWN:** BROCKHAM, SURREY | **TWITTER:** @GREGCACKETT1 | **INSTAGRAM:** @GREGCACKETT1 | **COMPETED IN:** PYEONGCHANG



Greg Cackett is a man on multiple missions – winning an Olympic medal and bringing the sport of bobsleigh to a wider audience.

Content creator Cackett runs online platform 'The Brakeman', which aims to bring people behind the scenes of elite bobsleigh.

A former sprinter who clocked a 10.24s personal best in the 100m before suffering from

injury problems, Cackett made his Olympic debut in 2018 and is now back for another go having taken a brief break from the sport to try track cycling.

## NICK GLEESON

**EVENT:** 4-MAN AND 2-MAN | **DOB:** 18 OCTOBER 1996 | **HOME TOWN:** EPSOM, SURREY | **TWITTER:** @NICKGLEESON\_1 | **INSTAGRAM:** @NICKGLEESON\_1 | **COMPETED IN:** PYEONGCHANG



Serving paratrooper Nick Gleeson became Britain's youngest Olympic bobsledder at PyeongChang 2018.

The Surrey star was 21 years old when he finished 17th as part of Brad Hall's 4-man crew four years ago and has since played his part in a slew of superb World Cup results.

But it could have been different - Gleeson

believed he was trying out for the parachute regiment's rugby team when he was first introduced to bobsleigh.

## BEN SIMONS

**EVENT:** 4-MAN (ALTERNATE) | **DOB:** 13 NOVEMBER 1986 | **HOME TOWN:** BROSELEY, SHROPSHIRE | **TWITTER:** @BENTHEBOUNCE1 | **INSTAGRAM:** @BENTHEBOUNCE1 | **COMPETED IN:** PYEONGCHANG, SOCHI



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.

One of the most experienced members of the team, he made his Olympic debut at Sochi 2014 and returned to finish 18th in PyeongChang.

In between his two Olympic appearances, Simons struck World Cup gold as part of Lamin Deen's 4-man crew at Whistler.

Simons, a keen skier, will bring his record of featuring at six World Championships to bear as the alternate to Brad Hall's 4-man crew.

## MICA MCNEILL

**EVENT:** 2-WOMAN | **DOB:** 25 SEPTEMBER 1993 | **HOME TOWN:** CONSETT, DURHAM | **TWITTER:** @MICAMCNEILL1 | **INSTAGRAM:** @MICAMCNEILL1 | **COMPETED IN:** PYEONGCHANG



Great Britain's leading female driver, Mica McNeill peaked at the perfect time in preparation for her second Olympic Games.

Alongside new partner Adele Nicoll (the alternate athlete for Beijing), McNeill secured Great Britain's first female bobsleigh World Cup medal in 13 years with a 2-woman silver medal in January – her first podium in 51 World Cup events.

She burst onto the scene at the 2012 Youth Olympic Games in Igls, winning a silver medal alongside Jazmin Sawyers.

McNeill was selected for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang, where she and Mica Moore finished eighth, the best ever result by a British crew.

## MONTTELL DOUGLAS

**EVENT:** 2-WOMAN | **DOB:** 24 JANUARY 1986 | **HOME TOWN:** CATFORD, LONDON | **TWITTER:** @MONTYTRACKSTAR | **INSTAGRAM:** @MONTYTRACKSTAR



Monttelle Douglas made Team GB history by becoming the first British woman selected to compete in different sports at the summer and winter Games.

Douglas was named as the brakewoman in Mica McNeill's two-woman bobsleigh team for the 2022 Winter Olympics and will return to the city where she also competed in the summer Games.

A former sprinter, Douglas raced in the 100m at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, where she reached the second round.

Douglas switched to bobsleigh in 2016 and finished in the top 10 on her World Cup debut, before travelling to the PyeongChang Games in 2018 as a reserve.

## ADELE NICOLL

**EVENT:** 2-WOMAN (ALTERNATE) | **DOB:** 28 SEPTEMBER 1996 | **HOME TOWN:** WELSHPOOL, WALES | **TWITTER:** @ADELENICOLL1 | **INSTAGRAM:** @ADELENICOLL\_



Adele Nicoll only started bobsleigh during the first Covid lockdown but qualified for her first Olympic Games less than two years later after a remarkable rise through the ranks.

A shot putter by trade, Nicoll was working towards representing Wales in the Commonwealth Games when she was head-hunted by teammate Mica McNeill.

## STAFF BIOS

### BRUCE TASHER

TEAM LEADER



### RYAN BANGS

MEDIA OFFICER



### STUART BENSON

PERFORMANCE COACH



### MATTHIAS BOEHMER

HEAD COACH



### JACK GLEAVE

LEAD PHYSIO



### LEE JOHNSTON

ICE COACH



### JON WILHELM

CHIROPRACTOR



# CROSS COUNTRY SKIING



One of the Olympic Winter Games 'originals', the sport of cross-country skiing has appeared at every Games since the very first in Chamonix in 1924.

Part of the Nordic skiing family which also includes biathlon, ski jumping and Nordic combined, there is an enduring attraction to cross-country's simplicity.

It is, put simply, a running race held on skis in which competitors propel themselves across the snow using poles and skis – with the fastest athlete declared the winner.

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.

The first five Olympic Winter Games saw only men compete, over a variety of distances, before women's events were added for the first time at Oslo 1952.

Seventy years later, both men and women will compete in six different events each at Beijing 2022, meaning there will be 36 medals on offer.

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

On top of that, there are two different skiing techniques that are used for cross-country skiing: the freestyle technique (side-to-side skiing) and the

## DID YOU KNOW?

In the build-up to the Games, Norwegian national broadcaster NRK ran a seven-episode documentary series about the British cross-country team called 'The Olympic Dream.'

classic technique (striding forward).

Freestyle sees competitors generate speed on their skis by using the same motion as you would on roller blades or ice skates.

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.

In Beijing, men will contest the 15km classical, 30km skiathlon, 50km freestyle, individual sprint freestyle, team sprint classical and 4x10km relay events.

Meanwhile, women will compete in the 10km classical, 15km skiathlon, 30km freestyle, individual sprint freestyle, team sprint classical and a 4x5km relay.



Andrew Young competed in the sprint and 15km events in PyeongChang, his third Olympic Games

Ever since Chamonix 1924, the sport has been dominated by Norway, who top the all-time medal table with 47 golds and 121 in total.

Neighbours Sweden are next in the all-time standings with 80 medals (31 gold), with their number of podium finishes matched by a third Scandinavian country in the form of Finland.

Team GB are still awaiting a first cross-country skiing medal, but Andrew Musgrave delivered the best performance by a Briton in an Olympic cross-country event at PyeongChang 2018 when he finished seventh in the men's 30km skiathlon.

That was the highlight of an impressive Games that also saw Musgrave notch a top-30 finish in the 15km freestyle and a top-40 place in the 50km classical.

The globe-trotting 31-year-old is originally from Oyne, Scotland but has also lived in Shetland, Alaska and Norway. He will become a four-time Olympian in Beijing, after also being part of Team GB at Vancouver 2010 and Sochi 2014.

His performances at the 2021 World Championships – where he finished tenth in the 15km individual and seventh in both the 30km skiathlon and 50km mass start – suggest that his level hasn't dropped and that

an improvement on his exploits from PyeongChang could well be possible. Andrew Young is another British cross-country star heading to his fourth Games in Beijing and the man who became the youngest skier to compete in a World Cup event when he made his debut as a 16-year-old back in 2008 has experience of podium finishes at the highest level.

A four-time World Cup medallist – most recently when he won individual sprint bronze and then silver in back-to-back weeks in December 2020 – Young will also hope to help Team GB make waves in the team sprint, an event in which he and James Clugnet combined for Great Britain's best-ever World Cup finish of sixth in Dresden just before Christmas.

Clugnet will be the third male British cross-country skier in Beijing and his Olympic debut comes after sustained improvement over the past couple of years which has seen him record top-ten individual finishes at World Cup level in addition to his team sprint exploits.

The trio successfully qualifying to compete in Beijing means Team GB will have cross-country skiing representation for the fourth consecutive Games, having not had any athletes at Nagano 1998, Salt Lake City 2002 or Turin 2006.

Date	Beijing Time	Event(s)	Medal Event		
<b>Team GB will compete in the men's individual events*</b>					
5TH	15:45 - 16:35	WOMEN'S 7.5KM + 7.5KM SKIATHLON	🥈		
6TH	15:00 - 16:35	MEN'S 15KM + 15KM SKIATHLON	🥈		
8TH	16:00 - 16:40	WOMEN'S SPRINT FREE QUALIFICATION	🥈 🥈 🥈 🥈 🥈 🥈 🥈 🥈 🥈 🥈		
	16:50 - 17:35	MEN'S SPRINT FREE QUALIFICATION			
	18:30 - 18:55	WOMEN'S SPRINT FREE QUARTERFINALS			
	18:55 - 19:25	MEN'S SPRINT FREE QUARTERFINALS			
	19:25 - 19:35	WOMEN'S SPRINT FREE SEMIFINALS			
	19:35 - 19:47	MEN'S SPRINT FREE SEMIFINALS			
	19:47 - 20:00	WOMEN'S SPRINT FREE FINAL			
	20:00 - 20:14	MEN'S SPRINT FREE FINAL			
	10TH	15:00 - 16:30		WOMEN'S 10KM CLASSIC	🥈
	11TH	15:00 - 16:35		MEN'S 15KM CLASSIC	🥈
12TH	15:30 - 16:45	WOMEN'S 4 X 5KM RELAY	🥈		
13TH	15:00 - 16:40	MEN'S 4 X 10KM RELAY	🥈		
16TH	17:00 - 17:40	WOMEN'S TEAM SPRINT CLASSIC SEMIFINALS	🥈 🥈 🥈 🥈		
	17:40 - 18:30	MEN'S TEAM SPRINT CLASSIC SEMIFINALS			
	19:00 - 19:20	WOMEN'S TEAM SPRINT CLASSIC FINAL			
	19:30 - 20:00	MEN'S TEAM SPRINT CLASSIC FINAL			
19TH	14:00 - 16:45	MEN'S 50KM MASS START FREE	🥈		
20TH	14:30 - 16:30	WOMEN'S 30KM MASS START FREE	🥈		

## ATHLETE BIOS

### JAMES CLUGNET

**EVENT:** MEN'S | **DOB:** 4 DECEMBER 1996 | **HOME TOWN:** TRONDHEIM, NORWAY | **🐦 @JAMESCLUGNET** | **📷 @JIMMYCLUGZ**



James Clugnet grew up alongside two older brothers with a passion for snowboarding, subversively choosing to buck that family trend and give skiing a go.

He spent seven years strutting his stuff on the junior French circuit before a move across the Channel came calling and he decided to don the British colours.

A World Cup finish of 18th in Quebec soon followed in 2018 and after claiming a maiden top ten finish in Sweden two years later, the French-born star looks hardened for battle ahead of Beijing 2022.

### ANDREW MUSGRAVE

**EVENT:** MEN'S | **DOB:** 6 MARCH 1990 | **HOME TOWN:** TRONDHEIM, NORWAY | **🐦 @MUSGRAVEANDREW** | **📷 @MUSGRAVEANDREW** | **COMPETED IN:** PYEONGCHANG, SOCHI, VANCOUVER



The younger brother of Olympian Posy, Andrew Musgrave is steeped in cross-country skiing and finished a superb seventh in the skiathlon at PyeongChang 2018.

It was the best-ever finish for a Team GB athlete in the sport and came on the back of fourth place in the 50km at the 2017 World Championships, another all-time British best.

Recovering from a sickening shoulder injury in the summer of 2021, Musgrave has shown signs of his best form on the World Cup circuit and will hope to challenge for the podium at his third Games.

### ANDREW YOUNG

**EVENT:** MEN'S | **DOB:** 12 FEBRUARY 1992 | **HOME TOWN:** TRONDHEIM, NORWAY | **🐦 @ANDREW\_YOUNGY** | **📷 @ANDREWWYOUNG92** | **COMPETED IN:** PYEONGCHANG, SOCHI, VANCOUVER



Andrew Young made a searing rise to the Winter Olympic Games, representing Team GB at Vancouver 2010 having just turned 18.

Young has lived and breathed cross-country skiing for as long as he can remember and after embarking on a bold move to Norway that year, went on to compete at Sochi 2014 before racking up a third Games appearance on the spin in PyeongChang four years later.

After claiming two World Cup podiums in December 2020, Young recovered from a devastating leg break in March 2021 to make his fourth Games.

<b>VICTORIA GOSLING</b> TEAM LEADER	<b>MAGNUS BJØRH</b> TEAM OFFICIAL	<b>JOHAN ERINSSON</b> TEAM OFFICIAL	<b>RACHEL FRAZER</b> MEDIA OFFICER	<b>SOPHIE KEELING</b> OLYMPIC TEAM MANAGER	<b>NIGEL MITCHELL</b> TEAM OFFICIAL
<b>PAT SHARPLES</b> GBS HEAD COACH	<b>HANS KRISTIAN STADHEIM</b> TEAM OFFICIAL	<b>JUSTEIN HESTMANN VINJERVI</b> TEAM OFFICIAL			

# CURLING



Not even the nickname 'chess on ice' does justice to the complexity and characteristics of curling. Combining skill and strategy, the game of stones captivates the world every four years with millions watching every Olympic Winter Games with a mixture of intrigue and awe.

Despite being a relatively late permanent introduction into the Olympics, it has become one of the most popular winter sports across the globe. Nations will go for coveted curling gold in three disciplines - men's, women's and mixed doubles, the latter having made its debut at PyeongChang. The men's event was first staged back in the 1924 Winter Olympics in Chamonix and the gold medal was won by Great Britain - 84 years later.

Medals hadn't been awarded at the time but, in 2006, the International Olympic Committee retrospectively ruled that the sport had been part of the official programme, not a demonstration event.

Ten national teams have qualified in all three disciplines and each face off against each other in an initial round robin, producing a top four, semi-finals and a gold and bronze match.

The inaugural Olympic mixed doubles title was won by Canada's Kaitlyn Lawes and John Morris in 2018, cementing their nation's position at the top of the sport's all-time medal table.

Britain's Bruce Mouat and Jennifer Dodds will be among those fancied to challenge for a medal

## WHAT THEY SAID

**Eve Muirhead:** "We beat the current world champions (Switzerland) and Olympic champions (Sweden) at the Europeans, so I think we've proven that we are capable of beating these guys and we want to do the same again. It also puts pressure on other people who want to beat us."

having beaten Norway to claim the world title on home ice in Aberdeen last May.

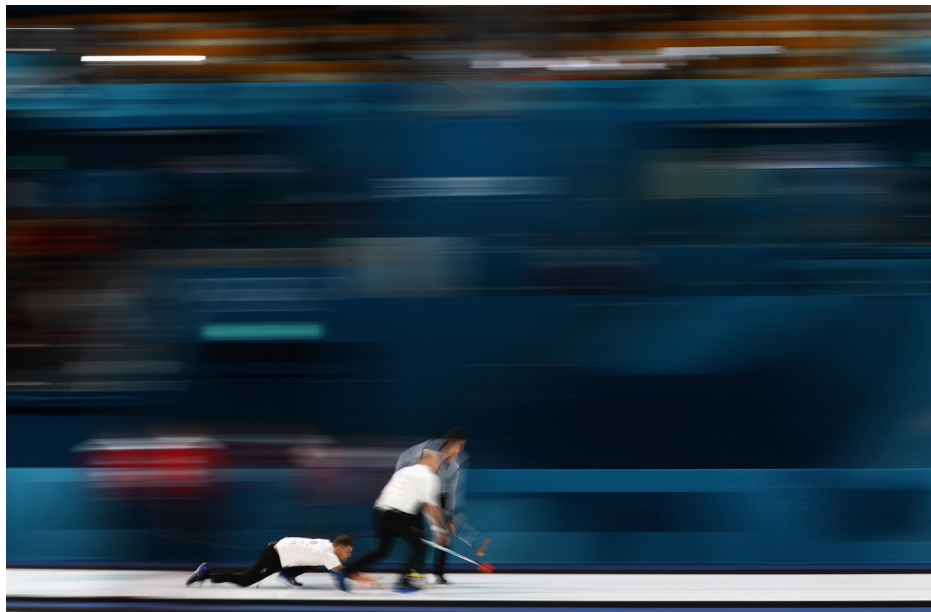
Magnus Nedregotten and Kristin Skaslien will again be among their closest rivals and the Norwegians claimed a confidence-boosting 7-5 victory in their final meeting before the Games.

Mouat leads an in-form rink into the men's competition and will be one of the youngest skips fighting it out for Olympic medals.

Team Mouat, completed by Grant Hardie, Bobby Lammie, Hammy McMillan and alternate Ross Whyte, took silver at the World Championships in April 2021 and subsequently won three successive Grand Slams



Eve Muirhead and her rink finished fourth in the women's competition in PyeongChang



Kyle Smith and his rink finished fifth in the men's competition in PyeongChang

in Canada, some of the most prestigious prizes in the sport.

They will continue their long-standing rivalry with Sweden's Niklas Edin, who they beat to European gold in November, with Canada's Brad Gushue and USA's John Shuster close at hand.

Eve Muirhead has been the face of curling in Britain since she became the youngest skip to win a Winter Olympic medal, bronze at Sochi 2014, having made her Games debut in Vancouver four years earlier as a teenager.

She will lead Vicky Wright, Hailey Duff, Dodds and alternate Millie Smith at her fourth Olympics.

The aim of the game in curling is deceptively simple - players slide stones along a sheet of ice towards a target, called the house.

A stone is delivered from the 'hack' pushing off point and must be released before it reaches the 'hog line.'

The reason why stones 'curl' is due to rotation, imparted by the thrower either clockwise or anti-clockwise, as they turn the handle on releasing the stone onto a frozen surface that has been pebbled by releasing tiny droplets of water onto the ice

## DID YOU KNOW?

2014 Olympic champion Jennifer Jones qualified to skip the Canada team in Beijing aged 47. Victory in the women's competition would make her the oldest woman to win a Winter Olympic medal.

ahead of play. Sweeping is done for several reasons: to reduce friction underneath the stone, to influence speed and curl to affect a desired outcome, to decrease the amount of curl and to clean debris from the stone's path.

There are eight stones per team in an end in the men's and women's game, delivered in order by the lead, second and third with the skip sliding the final two stones. The game is played over ten ends, although teams can concede the game earlier than that depending on the deficit.

In mixed doubles two stones are positioned on the ice ahead of each end and players deliver five stones per team, choosing between themselves

Date	Beijing Time	Event(s)	Medal Event
2ND	20:05	MIXED DOUBLES ROUND ROBIN SESSION 1	
3RD	20:05	MIXED DOUBLES ROUND ROBIN SESSION 2	
4TH	13:35	MIXED DOUBLES ROUND ROBIN SESSION 4	
5TH	14:05	MIXED DOUBLES ROUND ROBIN SESSION 8	
6TH	20:05	MIXED DOUBLES ROUND ROBIN SESSION 9	
6TH	09:05	MIXED DOUBLES ROUND ROBIN SESSION 10	
6TH	20:05	MIXED DOUBLES ROUND ROBIN SESSION 12	
7TH	9:05	MIXED DOUBLES ROUND ROBIN SESSION 13	
8TH	14:05	MIXED DOUBLES BRONZE MEDAL GAME	🥉
8TH	20:05	MIXED DOUBLES GOLD MEDAL GAME	
10TH	9:05	WOMEN'S ROUND ROBIN SESSION 1	
10TH	14:05	MEN'S ROUND ROBIN SESSION 2	
10TH	20:05	WOMEN'S ROUND ROBIN SESSION 2	
11TH	9:05	MEN'S ROUND ROBIN SESSION 3	
11TH	14:05	WOMEN'S ROUND ROBIN SESSION 3	
11TH	20:05	MEN'S ROUND ROBIN SESSION 4	
12TH	20:05	WOMEN'S ROUND ROBIN SESSION 5	
13TH	14:05	WOMEN'S ROUND ROBIN SESSION 6	
13TH	20:05	MEN'S ROUND ROBIN SESSION 7	
14TH	14:05	MEN'S ROUND ROBIN SESSION 8	
14TH	20:05	WOMEN'S ROUND ROBIN SESSION 8	
15TH	14:05	WOMEN'S ROUND ROBIN SESSION 9	
15TH	20:05	MEN'S ROUND ROBIN SESSION 10	
16TH	9:05	WOMEN'S ROUND ROBIN SESSION 10	
16TH	14:05	MEN'S ROUND ROBIN SESSION 11	
17TH	9:05	MEN'S ROUND ROBIN SESSION 12	
17TH	14:05	WOMEN'S ROUND ROBIN SESSION 12	
17TH	20:05	MEN'S SEMI-FINAL	
18TH	14:05	MEN'S BRONZE MEDAL GAME	🥉
18TH	20:05	WOMEN'S SEMI-FINAL	
18TH	20:05	WOMEN'S SEMI-FINAL	
19TH	14:05	MEN'S GOLD MEDAL GAME	🥇
19TH	20:05	WOMEN'S BRONZE MEDAL GAME	
20TH	9:05	WOMEN'S GOLD MEDAL GAME	🥇

which of them delivers the first and fifth, with the other player delivering the three stones in between times. Mixed doubles matches are played over eight ends.

An end where no points are scored is known as a 'blank end.'

The team that wins the previous end plays first in the next end, meaning the non-scoring team has the advantage of the last stone, called 'the hammer.' If an end is score-less the hammer is retained by the same team in the men's and women's game, but is handed to the other team in mixed doubles.

## ATHLETE BIOS

### BRUCE MOUAT

**EVENT:** MEN'S, MIXED DOUBLES | **DOB:** 27 AUGUST 1994 | **HOME TOWN:** STIRLING, SCOTLAND | [T](#) @BRUCEMOUAT | [I](#) @BRUCEMOUAT



Bruce Mouat will become the first person to represent Great Britain in both men's and mixed doubles curling in Beijing to mark the culmination of a journey that goes back to playing video games in his grandpa's lap.

Mouat was just eight when he became obsessed with Granite, the first and only curling video game, and he has since taken that love of technology into his sporting life, using an

analytics-centred approach to the sport. In Beijing, he will link up with childhood friend Jen Dodds in the mixed doubles before leading his world silver medal-winning rink, who are also European champions, in the men's competition.

He has led his men's team to victory at both European Championships they have contested, as well as to silver and bronze medals in three appearances at the World Championships

### BOBBY LAMMIE

**EVENT:** MEN'S | **DOB:** 10 FEBRUARY 1997 | **HOME TOWN:** STIRLING, SCOTLAND | [T](#) @BOBBY\_LAMMIE7 | [I](#) @BOBBYLAMMIE7



Bobby Lammie, who calls a farm home, found curling aged ten at the behest of his grandparents.

He has spent most of his career by the side of skip Bruce Mouat and they won the world junior title together in 2016 and have won two European Championships, as well as World Championship silver and bronze medals together.

The youngest member of Team GB's men's outfit, Lammie's strong sweeping and tactical nous in the second role will be crucial to his rink's hopes of winning a medal in China.

### ROSS WHYTE

**EVENT:** MEN'S | **DOB:** 31 AUGUST 1998 | **HOME TOWN:** STIRLING, SCOTLAND | [T](#) @ROSSAY98 | [I](#) @ROSSWHYTE98



Having watched his siblings take up curling through a school programme, Whyte was invited onto the ice by his sister at six and has barely left it since.

Breaking onto the scene in 2016 with mixed doubles silver at the Youth Olympics, Whyte skips his own team, but has been Team Mouat's alternate at all their major international campaigns in recent years.

The alternate is the only member of the team born outside of Scotland. He was born in York, where he spent a few months before moving north of the border.

### GRANT HARDIE

**EVENT:** MEN'S | **DOB:** 27 MARCH 1992 | **HOME TOWN:** GLASGOW, SCOTLAND | [T](#) @G\_D\_HARDIE | [I](#) @GRANT\_HARDIE



With a Masters degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Strathclyde University, Grant Hardie takes a scientific approach to curling success.

Curling isn't the only sport Hardie obsesses over, being a regular skier.

But the game of stones was always his passion. Hardie's uncle Hammy McMillan was crowned

world champion in 1999 and he is joined by cousin Hammy McMillan junior on Team GB.

As well as the two European titles and two World Championship medals Hardie has won with Team Mouat he also skipped a Scottish team to victory at the 2017 World Mixed Curling Championships.

### HAMMY McMILLAN JR

**EVENT:** MEN'S | **DOB:** 29 MAY 1992 | **HOME TOWN:** GLASGOW, SCOTLAND | [T](#) @HAMMYMCM | [I](#) @HAMMYMCM



Hammy McMillan Jr isn't going to be short of advice - or inspiration - in his bid for a medal at Beijing 2022.

He only needs to look to his father, Hammy McMillan Sr, who represented Team GB at three Olympic Winter Games, and is the first to text his namesake after games to point out areas to improve.

So, the Scot has the sport in his blood but he has also carved out a path of his own and won the World junior title in 2013, before going on to win two European Championships and World silver and bronze medals in the men's game.

### JENNIFER DODDS

**EVENT:** WOMEN'S, MIXED DOUBLES | **DOB:** 1 OCTOBER 1991 | **HOME TOWN:** EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND | [I](#) @JENDODDS91



From childhood friends to Olympic Winter Games teammates, it has been quite some journey for Jennifer Dodds and her mixed doubles partner Bruce Mouat.

The pair first met at Gogar Park Curling Club in the early 2000s, but some 20 years later will bid for a podium place in Beijing. They were crowned world champions in Aberdeen in 2021.

Dodds will become the first woman to represent Great Britain in two disciplines at the same Winter Olympics since she also competes as second in Eve Muirhead's women's team and the former office assistant has been dreaming of the Olympics since the age of eight.

### EVE MUIRHEAD

**EVENT:** WOMEN'S | **DOB:** 22 APRIL 1990 | **HOME TOWN:** STIRLING, SCOTLAND | [T](#) @EVEMUIRHEAD | [I](#) @EVEMUIRHEAD



Eve Muirhead became the youngest ever skip to win an Olympic Winter 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. She was also the skip at PyeongChang 2018 where her rink of Anna

Sloan, Vicki Adams and Lauren Gray finished fourth - losing out to Japan in the bronze-medal match.

And after surging to victory at the Olympic Qualifying Tournament, just a fortnight after winning the European Championships for a third time, Muirhead leads a rink of debutants to Beijing 2022, the latest chapter in a glittering Games career.

### VICKY WRIGHT

**EVENT:** WOMEN'S | **DOB:** 15 AUGUST 1993 | **HOME TOWN:** STIRLING, SCOTLAND | [T](#) @VICKYWRIGHT14 | [I](#) @VICKYWRIGHT413



Vicky Wright took a truly inspiring path to her first Olympic Winter Games.

She briefly stepped away from the road to Beijing and returned to the NHS frontline during the COVID-19 pandemic as a staff nurse in the Forth Valley.

An avid golfer - her hero is Spanish golfer Sergio Garcia - she began curling at the age

of 12 as part of the Curling Cool programme at Stranraer Ice Rink.

Even aside from golf and curling, Wright is a very talented swimmer, and used to compete at national level until she was 16.

## HAILEY DUFF

**EVENT:** WOMEN'S I **DOB:** 24 JANUARY 1997 | **HOME TOWN:** FORFAR, SCOTLAND | **Twitter:** @HAILEEEY97 | **Instagram:** @HAILEEEY97



Curling takes up most of Hailey Duff's time, but it's far from all she's got on her plate.

She has worked as an assistant buyer for a garden furniture company and enrolled in a Sport and Fitness degree at The Open University.

Born in New Zealand, she was introduced to the sport by her Dad, who is a Scottish senior

silver medalist in his own right. Duff quickly progressed through the senior ranks and now finds herself a part of Team Muirhead, marking her international debut with gold at the 2021 European Championships in Lillehammer.

## MILI SMITH

**EVENT:** WOMEN'S I **DOB:** 1 MARCH 1998 | **HOME TOWN:** STIRLING, SCOTLAND | **Twitter:** @MILSMITHH\_ | **Instagram:** @MILL\_SMITH\_



Curling is not just a way of life for Mili Smith, it's in her blood.

Daughter of 1991 world champion David Smith and sister to older brothers Kyle and Cameron, both part of Team GB's men's outfit in PyeongChang 2018, curling is certainly a family affair in the Smith clan.

While Beijing will be her first senior Games, Smith got a taste of what to expect as the lead on a team skipped by Ross Whyte at the 2016 Winter Youth Olympics, finishing in fifth.

## STAFF BIOS

### NIGEL HOLL

TEAM LEADER



### RACHEL CARTER

TEAM PHYSIO



### GREG DRUMMOND

MIXED DOUBLES COACH



### ALAN HANNAH

MEN'S TEAM COACH



### KRISTIAN LINDSTRÖM

PERFORMANCE COACH



### KENNY MORE

HEAD COACH



### DAVID MATTHEW MURDOCH

OLYMPIC HEAD COACH



### KATE WELDON

MEDIA OFFICER



# FIGURE SKATING



Very few sports are able to create as much joy - and as much heartbreak - as figure skating.

For just under three minutes, fans rinkside and across the globe watch with bated breath to see if the routine is flawless or if the skater tumbles on the ice.

Figure skating is one of the classic Winter Olympic events, having been held at every Games, although the sport had began life in the Summer Olympics, including at London 1908.

There will be five different disciplines in which figure skating gold medals are up for grabs in Beijing - the same number as there was four years ago in PyeongChang.

Men and women each have their own individual events, with these events being held in every Winter Olympics since the first Games in 1924.

The pairs event has also been an event in every Winter Olympics, and sees a man and woman dancing together for each nation in an attempt to top the podium.

52 years later, ice dance was introduced. Much like the pairs event, a man and woman dance together in this event but while the pairs event focuses more on rewarding aerodynamics, this discipline rewards more traditional dance features. The final event

added to the Winter Olympic programme was the team event, which was included for the first time at Sochi 2014.

In figure skating, competitors are given a Total Element Score (TES) and a Program Component Score (PCS), which are combined to determine a skater's final score.

The TES is determined by nine judges and a technical panel of three people who look at the technical merits of the performance.

A four-level system is used to judge features such as footwork based on the level of difficulty of the skate; a higher level of difficulty means more risk but can lead to a higher score.

The scoring system starts at a base level from which judges award a plus or minus grade of execution, with the highest and lowest judging score removed to form a final total with the remaining scores.

The PCS sees judges looking at every element of the dance, including features such as interpretation, with a minimum score of 0.25 and a maximum score of 10. That score is then multiplied by a factor, which varies within each category, to make it closer to the technical score and then rounded to two decimal places before being combined with the TES. Men's, women's and pairs events feature a short program



Penny Coomes and Nick Buckland finished 11th in the Ice dance competition in PyeongChang

and free skate, while ice dance is split into rhythm dance and free dance.

Then after the free dance, the scores are combined from both elements to decide gold, silver and bronze. The team event sees eight different dances featuring all the individual medal events, with ten nations taking part.

Ten points are awarded to the winning nation in each of the eight events, with points going downwards until the last nation receives one point.

After the first four events, the bottom five nations are eliminated with the remaining nations vying for the medal places.

Undoubtedly the most famous Team GB moment was Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean's iconic triumph in the ice dance in Sarajevo in 1984, with the duo achieving a perfect score for their routine to Ravel's Bolero.

That was the third straight Games where Team GB had struck skating gold, following gold medals for John Currie and Robin Cousins. Currie won gold in the individual men's event in Innsbruck in 1976, while Cousins won gold in the same event four years later in Lake Placid.

Four years after taking a bronze medal in St Moritz, Jeannette Altwegg won women's gold in an outdoor arena in Oslo in 1952.

While way back in 1908 - before the first Winter Olympics - Madge Syers won gold at the 1908 Summer Olympics, also taking bronze in the pairs event alongside her husband Edgar.

There have also been three silvers and seven bronze medals for Team GB athletes aside from those five golds, making it the nation's most successful Winter Olympic event.

Aside from Great Britain, figure skating has made superstars out of the likes of Katarina Witt, who won back-to-back women's golds in 1984 and 1988 and is considered by many as the greatest female figure skater of all time.

Other famous women's champions include Kristi Yamaguchi, Oksana Baiul and Tara Lipinski, while it was Alina Zagitova who won gold in PyeongChang in 2018.

Yuzuru Hanyu will head into Beijing as the two-time defending champion in the men's event having triumphed in Sochi and PyeongChang, with past famous champions including Brian Boitano in 1988 and Gillis Grafstrom, who won three straight golds in the 1920s.

The most-decorated figure skaters of all time are Canadians Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, who have won three gold medals and two silvers across pairs and team events across the past three Games.

Date	Beijing Time	Event(s)	Medal Event
<b>Team GB will compete in the ice dance and women's single events *</b>			
4TH	10:02 - 11:15	TEAM EVENT - MEN SINGLE SKATING - SHORT PROGRAM	
	11:41 - 12:54	TEAM EVENT - ICE DANCE - RHYTHM DANCE	
	13:22 - 14:55	TEAM EVENT - PAIR SKATING - SHORT PROGRAM	
6TH	9:37 - 10:50	TEAM EVENT - WOMEN SINGLE SKATING - SHORT PROGRAM	
	11:57 - 12:44	TEAM EVENT - PAIR SKATING - FREE SKATING	
7TH	9:22 - 10:01	TEAM EVENT - MEN SINGLE SKATING - FREE SKATING	
	10:31 - 11:10	TEAM EVENT - ICE DANCE - FREE DANCE	
	11:37 - 12:16	TEAM EVENT - WOMEN SINGLE SKATING - FREE SKATING	🥉
8TH	9:22 - 13:30	MEN SINGLE SKATING - SHORT PROGRAM	
10TH	9:38 - 13:27	MEN SINGLE SKATING - FREE SKATING	🥉
12TH	19:07 - 22:38	ICE DANCE - RHYTHM DANCE	
14TH	9:22 - 12:36	ICE DANCE - FREE DANCE	🥉
15TH	18:08 - 22:25	WOMEN SINGLE SKATING - SHORT PROGRAM	
17TH	18:08 - 21:57	WOMEN SINGLE SKATING - FREE SKATING	🥉
18TH	18:38 - 21:43	PAIR SKATING - SHORT PROGRAM	
19TH	18:38 - 21:43	PAIR SKATING - FREE SKATING	🥉
20TH	12:00 - 14:30	EXHIBITION GALA	

## ATHLETE BIOS

### NATASHA MCKAY

**EVENT:** WOMEN'S SINGLES | **DOB:** 14 JANUARY 1995 | **HOME TOWN:** DUNDEE, SCOTLAND | [🐦 @NATASHAMCKAY1](#)  
[📷 @NATASHAMCKAY\\_](#)



A friend's birthday party at the age of six lit the sporting fire in Natasha McKay.

She spent a year pestering her parents to buy her skates and her journey began when her mum relented and bought a pair in 2002, when she was seven.

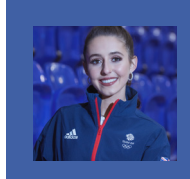
The Scot is no stranger to sacrifice, starting on the ice at 5am and working part-time at a

clothing company for a spell. In 2019, McKay qualified for the free skate for the first time at her maiden World Championships, placing 21st overall.

She finished 23rd at the next staging of the event in Stockholm in March 2021, which was enough to qualify a quota place for Team GB in the women's singles at Beijing 2022.

### LILAH FEAR

**EVENT:** ICE DANCE | **DOB:** 11 JUNE 1999 | **HOME TOWN:** NOTTING HILL, LONDON | [🐦 @LILAH\\_JO1](#)  
[📷 @THELILAHJOSHOW](#)



A multilingual podcaster who has skated since she was two and lived in three countries, Lilah Fear is afraid of nothing.

Born in Connecticut to Canadian parents, she moved to London aged one and honed her skating passions with frequent lessons at Queens Ice Rink, near her primary school in Notting Hill.

She teamed up with Lewis Gibson in 2016 and the pair won the British title in their first campaign together.

Their maiden Grand Prix medal, a bronze at 2019 Skate Canada, was the first British podium finish at that level since Olympians Penny Coomes and Nicholas Buckland in Moscow in 2014.

### LEWIS GIBSON

**EVENT:** ICE DANCE | **DOB:** 1 MAY 1994 | **HOME TOWN:** SCOTLAND: PRESTWICK | [🐦 @LEWISGIBSON41](#)  
[📷 @LEWISGIBSON4](#)



Lewis Gibson could have taken a completely different sporting path, with football his main passion as a child.

However, after watching the first series of Dancing On Ice, an 11-year-old Gibson immediately wanted to take up the skating, donning a pair of skates for the first time at the Ayr Skate Rink.

His career began to flourish when he paired up with Lilah Fear in 2016 to compete in ice dance events.

Seventh place at the 2021 World Championships was a landmark result and secured Gibson and Fear's spot on the Olympic stage.

## STAFF BIOS

### STIMON BRIGGS

COACH



### JOSEF PICHE

COACH



### KATE WELDON

MEDIA OFFICER



# FREESTYLE SKIING



Welcome to the world of freestyle skiing, where athletes 'drop in' rather than compete and 'sending it' is shorthand for success.

The explosion in the popularity of skiing in the 1960s meant pistes were so well used that they started forming large bumps - known as moguls - and thus, freestyle skiing was born.

Fast forward only three decades and freestyle skiing made its Olympic Winter Games debut at Albertville 1992, having been a demonstration sport at Calgary 1988.

True to the origins of the sport, moguls is the only discipline to have appeared as a medal event at all nine Games that have featured freeski.

Freestyle skiing's growth continued at Sochi 2014 where halfpipe and slopestyle events were included for both men and women, taking the total number of medal events to ten.

And for Beijing 2022 that number will be 13, with the addition of men and women's big air and a first-ever mixed freestyle skiing event - team aerials.

Podium positions appear wide open in slopestyle and that is where Team GB won its first skiing medal in 2018, thanks to Izzy Atkin's bronze.

The 23-year-old, who has since added Winter X Games silver to her palmares, broke her pelvis competing in the US in December and faced a battle to make Beijing.

Izzy's younger sister Zoe, 18, has also made waves and soared to her first major medal, halfpipe bronze, at the World Championships in March.

Slopestyle specialist James Woods returns for a third Games having finished fifth in Sochi and fourth in PyeongChang. He was crowned world champion in 2019, the first British man to win a world title on snow.

The team will have an Olympic medallist in its ranks with Gus Kenworthy, slopestyle silver medallist in 2014 for Team USA, poised to make an Olympic debut for the country of his birth having switched to halfpipe.

All six individual freeski events have a qualification round followed by a final, while the mixed team aerials goes straight into the winner-takes-all final.

Moguls 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, who assess how well the moguls are navigated and the quality and difficulty of the jumps performed.



Izzy Atkin won bronze in the freesk slopestyle competition in PyeongChang



Emily Sarsfield finished 16th in the women's ski cross competition in PyeongChang

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.

The mixed team aerials features teams of three skiers - including at least one of each gender - and each of their scores, calculated in the same way as the individual event, are added together to determine the winner.

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

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

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.

Meanwhile, big air is the only freestyle skiing event taking place in Beijing itself, at the purpose-built Big Air Shougang, which is the world's first-ever permanent big air venue.

The discipline does what it says on the tin, with skiers launching themselves skyward from a steeply-banked ski jump-style ramp and completing as many twists and tricks as they can before landing. It's just as exhilarating as it sounds.

Halfpipe, slopestyle and big air all have each athlete completing two runs in qualification, in which their highest score - decided by the judges - counts.

Those advancing to the final then compete in a best-of-three-runs competition, ensuring drama to the very last - with anyone able to snatch gold in the final run, regardless of what has come before.

Meanwhile, the adrenaline-fuelled 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.

The top two finishers in each knockout race continue to compete, while the losers are eliminated. The four athletes reaching the big final then take part in one final race for the medals.

Date	Beijing Time	Event(s)	Medal Event
Team GB will compete in all events apart from women's aerials and women's ski cross*			
3RD	18:00 - 18:45	WOMEN'S MOGULS QUALIFICATION 1	
	19:45 - 20:30	MEN'S MOGULS QUALIFICATION 1	
5TH	18:00 - 18:30	MEN'S MOGULS QUALIFICATION 2	
	19:30 - 20:00	MEN'S MOGULS FINAL 1	
	20:05 - 20:30	MEN'S MOGULS FINAL 2	
	20:40 - 20:55	MEN'S MOGULS FINAL 3	🥈
6TH	18:00 - 18:30	WOMEN'S MOGULS QUALIFICATION 2	
	19:30 - 20:00	WOMEN'S MOGULS FINAL 1	
	20:05 - 20:30	WOMEN'S MOGULS FINAL 2	
	20:40 - 20:55	WOMEN'S MOGULS FINAL 3	🥈
7TH	9:30 - 10:14	WOMEN'S FREESKI BIG AIR QUALIFICATION RUN 1	
	10:15 - 10:59	WOMEN'S FREESKI BIG AIR QUALIFICATION RUN 2	
	11:00 - 11:44	WOMEN'S FREESKI BIG AIR QUALIFICATION RUN 3	
	13:30 - 14:14	MEN'S FREESKI BIG AIR QUALIFICATION RUN 1	
	14:15 - 14:59	MEN'S FREESKI BIG AIR QUALIFICATION RUN 2	
	15:00 - 15:44	MEN'S FREESKI BIG AIR QUALIFICATION RUN 3	
8TH	10:00 - 10:20	WOMEN'S FREESKI BIG AIR FINAL RUN 1	
	10:22 - 10:42	WOMEN'S FREESKI BIG AIR FINAL RUN 2	
	10:45 - 11:05	WOMEN'S FREESKI BIG AIR FINAL RUN 3	🥈
9TH	11:00 - 11:20	MEN'S FREESKI BIG AIR FINAL RUN 1	
	11:22 - 11:42	MEN'S FREESKI BIG AIR FINAL RUN 2	
	11:45 - 12:05	MEN'S FREESKI BIG AIR FINAL RUN 3	🥈
10TH	19:00 - 19:45	MIXED TEAM AERIALS FINAL 1	
	19:50 - 20:15	MIXED TEAM AERIALS FINAL 2	🥈
13TH	10:00 - 10:59	WOMEN'S FREESKI SLOPESTYLE QUALIFICATION RUN 1	
	11:01 - 12:00	WOMEN'S FREESKI SLOPESTYLE QUALIFICATION RUN 2	
	19:00 - 19:40	WOMEN'S AERIALS QUALIFICATION 1	
	19:45 - 20:15	WOMEN'S AERIALS QUALIFICATION 2	
14TH	9:30 - 9:55	WOMEN'S FREESKI SLOPESTYLE FINAL RUN 1	
	9:57 - 10:22	WOMEN'S FREESKI SLOPESTYLE FINAL RUN 2	
	10:24 - 10:49	WOMEN'S FREESKI SLOPESTYLE FINAL RUN 3	🥈
	12:30 - 13:30	MEN'S FREESKI SLOPESTYLE QUALIFICATION RUN 1	
	13:32 - 14:32	MEN'S FREESKI SLOPESTYLE QUALIFICATION RUN 2	
	19:00 - 19:55	WOMEN'S AERIALS FINAL 1	🥈
15TH	20:00 - 20:15	WOMEN'S AERIALS FINAL 2	🥈
	9:30 - 9:55	MEN'S FREESKI SLOPESTYLE FINAL RUN 1	
16TH	9:57 - 10:22	MEN'S FREESKI SLOPESTYLE FINAL RUN 2	
	10:24 - 10:50	MEN'S FREESKI SLOPESTYLE FINAL RUN 3	🥈
	19:00 - 19:40	MEN'S AERIALS QUALIFICATION 1	
17TH	19:45 - 20:15	MEN'S AERIALS QUALIFICATION 2	
	19:00 - 19:55	MEN'S AERIALS FINAL 1	🥈
18TH	20:00 - 20:15	MEN'S AERIALS FINAL 2	🥈
	9:30 - 10:19	WOMEN'S FREESKI HALFPIPE QUALIFICATION RUN 1	
19TH	10:21 - 11:10	WOMEN'S FREESKI HALFPIPE QUALIFICATION RUN 2	
	11:30 - 12:15	WOMEN'S SKI CROSS SEEDING	
	12:30 - 13:19	MEN'S FREESKI HALFPIPE QUALIFICATION RUN 1	

Date	Beijing Time	Event(s)	Medal Event		
17TH	13:21 - 14:10	MEN'S FREESKI HALFPIPE QUALIFICATION RUN 2	🥈		
	14:00 - 14:32	WOMEN'S SKI CROSS 1/8 FINALS			
	14:35 - 14:51	WOMEN'S SKI CROSS QUARTERFINALS			
	14:54 - 15:02	WOMEN'S SKI CROSS SEMIFINALS			
	15:10	WOMEN'S SKI CROSS SMALL FINAL			
	AFTER SMALL FINAL	WOMEN'S SKI CROSS BIG FINAL			
18TH	9:30 - 9:55	WOMEN'S FREESKI HALFPIPE FINAL RUN 1	🥈		
	9:57 - 10:22	WOMEN'S FREESKI HALFPIPE FINAL RUN 2			
	10:24 - 10:49	WOMEN'S FREESKI HALFPIPE FINAL RUN 3			
	11:45 - 12:30	MEN'S SKI CROSS SEEDING			
	14:45 - 15:17	MEN'S SKI CROSS 1/8 FINALS			
	15:20 - 15:36	MEN'S SKI CROSS QUARTERFINALS			
	15:39 - 15:47	MEN'S SKI CROSS SEMIFINALS			
	15:55	MEN'S SKI CROSS SMALL FINAL			
		AFTER SMALL FINAL		MEN'S SKI CROSS BIG FINAL	
	19TH	9:30 - 9:55		MEN'S FREESKI HALFPIPE FINAL RUN 1	🥈
9:57 - 10:22		MEN'S FREESKI HALFPIPE FINAL RUN 2			
10:24 - 10:49		MEN'S FREESKI HALFPIPE FINAL RUN 3			

## ATHLETE BIOS

### OLLIE DAVIES

**EVENT:** SKI CROSS | **DOB:** 15 MAY 1997 | **HOME TOWN:** GUILDFORD, SURREY | **Twitter:** @OLLIEDAVIES73 | **Instagram:** @OLLIEDAVIES\_SKICROSS



The 2019 Junior Ski Cross World Champion, Ollie Davies learnt his craft on annual family holidays to France from a young age.

When his family then moved across the Channel, he joined his local French club Montchavin Les Coches and quickly began alpine racing. By the age of 14, Davies was participating in the British Championships and was also selected for the British alpine squad.

That Junior World Championships gold in New Zealand was followed up by Davies finishing fourth in the Ski Cross World Championships – by doing so being the first British athlete to compete in the Big Final.

He qualified for her first Olympics at Beijing 2022.

### GUS KENWORTHY

**EVENT:** HALFPIPE | **DOB:** 1 OCTOBER 1991 | **HOME TOWN:** TELLURIDE, USA | **Twitter:** @GUSKENWORTHY1 | **Instagram:** @GUSKENWORTHY1 | **COMPETED IN:** PYEONGCHANG, SOCHI



YouTuber, actor, freestyle skier and trailblazer – is there anything Gus Kenworthy can't do? Born in Essex to an American father, Kenworthy spent the bulk of his career competing for the USA. But having scooped slopestyle silver at Sochi 2014, he embarked on a bold new challenge for his country of birth and qualified for his first Games in Team GB colours at Beijing 2022. Kenworthy, a multiple X Games medallist, soared to his maiden triumph in British colours at a Calgary World Cup halfpipe event in 2020 –

but it's not just the globetrotting freestyle skiing tour where his expertise and influence lies. He blazed a trail in October 2015, becoming the first action sports star to come out as gay in a bid to inspire the next generation of talent to chase their Olympic dreams. And having racked up almost eight million YouTube views through his innovative range of content and starring in seven hit TV series, multi-talented Kenworthy looks set to leave an unequivocal legacy – both on and off the slopes.

### MAKAYLA GERKEN-SCHOFFIELD

**EVENT:** MOGULS | **DOB:** 4 JUNE 1999 | **HOME TOWN:** CHATEL, FRANCE | **Twitter:** @GS\_SKI | **Instagram:** @KAYLA\_GSCH



Makayla Gerken Schofield's first attempts at aerials were so terrifying they left the youngster in tears - ten years later, she is going to the Olympic Games.

She claimed a personal best sixth place World Cup finish at Deer Valley in May 2021, one place higher than she earned in dual moguls in Tazawako, Japan in 2020.

In pursuing moguls, she followed in the footsteps of older twin siblings Leonie and Tom and the whole family relocated from Chelmsford to the French Alps when Makayla was six.

### WILL FENELEY

**EVENT:** MOGULS | **DOB:** 13 JULY 1999 | **HOME TOWN:** SHEREFORD, NORFOLK | **Instagram:** @WILLFENELEY1



Will Feneley grew up practising flips and tricks into a foam pit built by his dad, now he will get to showcase them on the biggest stage at Beijing 2022.

With his son becoming Great Britain's top moguls skier during his teenage years, Dave Feneley installed a two-metre-deep foam pit in the Norfolk family home that had an adjacent trampoline at ground level to allow Will to fine-

tune his gymnastic techniques. Fenely Jr made the most of the home apparatus, making his World Cup debut as a 19-year-old in January 2019 and narrowly missed out on a first World Cup top ten when in dual moguls in December 2020.

### LLOYD WALLACE

**EVENT:** AERIALS | **DOB:** 13 FEBRUARY 1995 | **HOME TOWN:** HAMPSHIRE; SOUTHAMPTON | **Twitter:** @LLOYD\_WALLACE | **Instagram:** @LLOYDWAL | **COMPETED IN:** PYEONGCHANG



Incredibly, Lloyd Wallace is one of five in his family to compete at the Olympic Games in various guises.

His grandfather Peter represented Team GB in athletics and uncle Shaun in track cycling, while dad Robin competed in freestyle skiing at Calgary 1988 and mum Jilly at Albertville 1992 and Lillehammer 1994.

Wallace competed in Pyeongchang four years ago despite being placed in an induced coma six months before, finishing 20th and becoming the first Brit to compete in the event in 20 years.

### LEONIE GERKEN-SCHOFFIELD

**EVENT:** MOGULS | **DOB:** 15 FEBRUARY 1998 | **HOME TOWN:** CHATEL, FRANCE | **Twitter:** @GS\_SKI | **Instagram:** @LEONIE\_GS



If young Leonie Gerken Schofield's dreams had come true she'd be wearing skates, not skis. The Chelmsford-born freestyler's first love was ice hockey, which she grew up playing alongside twin brother Tom.

Alongside sister Makayla, Leonie made her World Cup debut in 2019, finishing 19th in Ruka, and claimed her best result a year later when she took ninth place in Krasnoyarsk,

Russia. Her career has been plagued by injuries, resulting in two knee operations, three shoulder dislocations, a broken collarbone and a herniated disc.

## ZOE ATKIN

**EVENT:** HALFPIPE | **DOB:** 16 JANUARY 2003 | **HOME TOWN:** PARK CITY, USA | [@ZOEATKIN](#)



Zoe Atkin is the younger sister of Beijing team-mate Izzy, who in 2018 claimed Team GB's first-ever Olympic medal in skiing.

Like her sister, dual citizen Atkin was born in the United States, but her British father once insisted his daughters "grew up on Ribena and Marmite."

Her meteoric rise continued en route to a landmark year in 2021, when she claimed freeski halfpipe bronze at the world championships in Aspen, and narrowly missed the X Games podium with a fourth-place finish.

## JAMES WOODS

**EVENT:** SLOPESTYLE/BIG AIR | **DOB:** 19 JANUARY 1992 | **HOME TOWN:** SHEFFIELD, SOUTH YORKSHIRE | [@JAMESWOODSY](#) | [@JAMESWOODSY](#) | **COMPETED IN:** PYEONGCHANG, SOCHI



Returning from a two-year break, James Woods aims to go one step further having finished fourth in PyeongChang and fifth in Sochi in slopestyle.

Having learned to ski at Sheffield Ski Village close to home, Woods quickly became a slopestyle superstar and won five consecutive British titles from the age of 15.

Since narrowly missing out on a medal in PyeongChang, he struck World Championship gold in Utah in 2019, the first British man to win global gold on snow.

## IZZY ATKIN

**EVENT:** SLOPESTYLE/BIG AIR | **DOB:** 21 JUNE 1998 | **HOME TOWN:** PARK CITY, USA | [@IZZYATKIN](#)



A broken pelvis in December 2021 threatened Izzy Atkin's second Olympics.

But a quick recovery has seen her trade a walking frame for skis with hopes of building on the Olympic slopestyle bronze she won in PyeongChang.

Since then, Atkin claimed a Big Air bronze at the 2019 World Championships on her adopted

home slopes in Park City, Utah, and has also added her second Winter X Games silver in 2021 in the slopestyle.

## KIRSTY MUIR

**EVENT:** SLOPESTYLE/BIG AIR | **DOB:** 5 MAY 2004 | **HOME TOWN:** ABERDEEN, SCOTLAND | [@KIRSK112](#)



The youngest member of Team GB, Kirsty Muir has grown accustomed to achieving beyond her years.

She first put on a pair of skis when she was just three years old and ten years later beat competitors five years older to win a slew of British junior titles.

The Scot won a silver and bronze medal at the 2019 World Junior Championships and shortly before the pandemic struck, claimed a Youth Olympic silver medal in Big Air in Lausanne.

## KATIE SUMMERHAYES

**EVENT:** SLOPESTYLE/BIG AIR | **DOB:** 8 OCTOBER 1995 | **HOME TOWN:** SHEFFIELD, SOUTH YORKSHIRE | [@SUUMERHAYES](#) | [@SUMMERHAYESKATIE](#) | **COMPETED IN:** PYEONGCHANG, SOCHI



Katie Summerhayes has shaken off three ACL injuries to reach a third Olympic Games in Beijing.

Her journey on snow began at Sheffield Ski Village at the age of six alongside sister Molly, who represented Team GB in the freeski halfpipe at PyeongChang 2018.

Summerhayes became the first British female to win a skiing World Cup medal for 19 years when she picked up silver in Silvaplana in 2013.

She finished seventh on her Olympic debut in Sochi and matched that four years later in PyeongChang.

### VICTORIA GOSLING

TEAM LEADER



### ALBERT BÉDOUT

MOGULS COACH



### MURRAY BUCHAN

FREESKI COACH



### MIZIE CAMPBELL

FREESKI COACH



### JUSTIN DOREY

MENS HALFPIPE COACH



### RACHEL FRAZER

MEDIA OFFICER



### ROSS HILL

MOGULS COACH



### KELLY HORNE

TEAM PHYSIO



### SOPHIE KEELING

OLYMPIC TEAM MANAGER



### JAMIE MATTHEW

FREESKI HEAD COACH



### GUILLAUME HANTEMOD

HEAD SKI CROSS AND SNOWBOARD CROSS COACH



### ALISON ROBB

TEAM PHYSIO



### JOE SCHUSTER

LADIES HALFPIPE COACH



### MARY SCORFIE

FREESKI WAX TECHNICIAN



### PAT SHARPLES

GBS HEAD COACH



### JOE TYLER

FREESKI COACH



# LUGE



The high-octane sport of 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 by sitting 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 slider's 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 singles, women's singles and doubles all contested at every Games since.

At Sochi 2014, the team relay was introduced and having been maintained for PyeongChang 2018, it will once again be seen at Beijing 2022.

Adding the medals of Germany, East Germany, West Germany and the United Team of Germany together,

the nation has won 81 of a possible 141 in the sport's Olympic history.

The German team dominated once again at PyeongChang four years ago, claiming 50 per cent of all the available medals, including three of the four golds on offer.

Tobias Wendl and Tobias Arlt retained the doubles title they had won at Sochi 2014 with Natalie Geisenberger also defending the gold she scooped in Russia.

All three were part of the victorious team relay squad along with Johannes Ludwig, who had to settle for bronze in the men's singles.

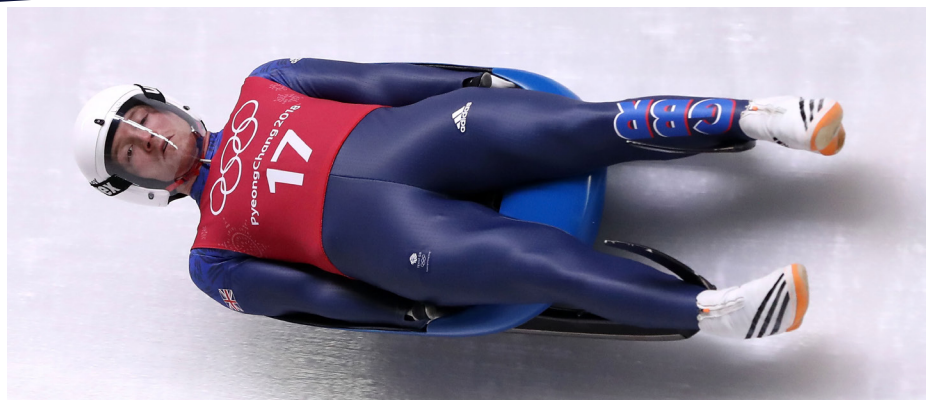
Italy's Armin Zöggeler leads the individual medal table with six in total – two gold, one silver and three bronze – while Wendl and Arlt have four golds apiece but one less medal overall than compatriot Georg Hackl, who has three golds and two silvers.

Geisenberger, who has four golds and one bronze to her name, has the chance to surpass Zöggeler and become the most decorated Olympian in the sport's history if she claims two golds in Beijing.

Rupert Staudinger is set to compete in his second consecutive Winter Olympics for Team GB having



Rupert Staudinger finished 33rd in the men's singles event in PyeongChang



Staudinger was born in Bavaria to a German father and a British mother

finished 33rd at PyeongChang. Born in Bavaria to a German father and British mother, Staudinger made his Games bow aged just 20 in South Korea and, when he's not on his sled, likes to relax by river surfing during the off season.

Staudinger grew up in Germany and was introduced to the sport by friends at a young age. His appearance in Beijing will be an emotional occasion after the sad passing of his 2018 teammate and three-time Olympian AJ Rosen, who died in December 2021 following a battle with cancer.

The four gold medals available are in 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. 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 on the same day, with the pair clocking the fastest time over two runs declared the winner. The team relay will once again round off the luge action in Beijing, with the competition consisting 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.

## ATHLETE BIOS

### RUPERT STAUDINGER

**EVENT:** MEN'S SINGLES | **DOB:** 15 JULY 1997 | **HOME TOWN:** SCHÖNAU AM KÖNIGSSEE, GERMANY | **TWITTER:** @RUPERTSTAUDING1 | **INSTAGRAM:** @RUPERT.STAUDINGER | **COMPETED IN:** PYEONGCHANG



Rupert Staudinger has described his job as trying to slide down an ice track, on a tiny toboggan, in a skin-tight race suit as fast as possible.

But there's far more to the now two-time Winter Olympian than that. The luge star, born in Bavaria to a German father and a British mother, was part of a two-athlete team that represented Team GB at PyeongChang 2018 after there had been no British representation in Sochi four years earlier. His teammate in South Korea, AJ Rosen, sadly died at the age of 37

from cancer in December 2021, and Staudinger will wear a tribute to Rosen on his helmet at Beijing 2022. Staudinger finished 33rd on his Olympic Winter Games debut in the men's singles in PyeongChang before claiming his first British Championship crown ahead of Rosen in Innsbruck shortly after.

A regular on the Luge World Cup circuit, he will be looking to improve on 33rd place at his second Olympics and has said that the memory of his friend Rosen is providing him with motivation for the Games.

## STAFF BIOS

### GAVIN ARNOLD

TEAM LEADER



### RYAN BANGS

MEDIA OFFICER



### MARH HATTON

SLED TECHNICAL



Date	Beijing Time	Event(s)	Medal Event
<b>Team GB will compete in the men's singles *</b>			
5TH	19:10 - 20:20	MEN'S SINGLES RUN 1	
	20:50 - 22:00	MEN'S SINGLES RUN 2	
6TH	19:30 - 20:40	MEN'S SINGLES RUN 3	
	21:15 - 21:59	MEN'S SINGLES RUN 4	🥇
7TH	19:50 - 21:00	WOMEN'S SINGLES RUN 1	
	21:30 - 22:40	WOMEN'S SINGLES RUN 2	
8TH	19:50 - 21:00	WOMEN'S SINGLES RUN 3	
	21:35 - 22:19	WOMEN'S SINGLES RUN 4	🥇
	20:20 - 20:56	DOUBLES RUN 1	
	21:35 - 22:14	DOUBLES RUN 2	🥇
	21:30 - 22:38	TEAM RELAY COMPETITION	🥇

# SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING



The energetic younger sibling of speed skating, short track was first officially included in Olympic Winter Games in 1992.

The sport had enjoyed a fast rise having only been officially recognised by the International Skating Union in 1967 and was a demonstration event at Calgary 1988.

Both male and female skaters will compete across 500m, 1000m and 1500m individual events with men's, women's and mixed relay also featuring.

A short track rink's dimensions of 60m long and 30m wide are the same as an international ice hockey rink, compared with the 400m track used in speed skating.

The differences with long track speed skating do not end there - speed skaters compete against the clock while short track sees multiple competitors up against each other.

Individual events begin with 32 skaters, or 36 in the case of the 1500m, battling it out in heats, with the first two to cross the finish line advancing to the quarter-finals and a select number of fastest third-placers.

All competitors start from the same point and with no

designated lanes, there are a number of potential ways for athletes to be disqualified or penalised. These include impeding others, a false start, or for giving assistance to another skater, while skating outside the track limits will also result in penalty or disqualification.

Despite the athletes covering hundreds of metres, results can come down to the smallest of margins, as it did in the race in which Team GB earned their only short track medal so far.

At the 1994 Games in Lillehammer, Nicky Gooch earned a bronze medal in the men's 500m, with Olympic champion Chae Ji-hoon of South Korea finishing just 0.02 seconds ahead of Italy's Mirko Vuillermin.

Three Team GB athletes will have the chance to add to Great Britain's tally in 2022, with Katherine Thomson, Farrell and Niall Treacy selected for Beijing.

Thomson will be competing at her second Games having recorded a 24th-place and two 25th-place finishes at PyeongChang 2018.

The 25-year-old will again compete in all three of the women's individual events and heads into the 500m having set a personal best in the distance at a World Cup race in the Netherlands.



Farrell Treacy finished 14th in the 1000m and competed in the 1500m in PyeongChang

She will be joined by a fellow PyeongChang Olympian in Farrell, who finished 14th in the men's 1000m, also managing a 33rd-place finish in the 1500m last time out.

Farrell will go again in those two events and will be joined in the 1000m discipline by his younger brother

Niall, who, aged 21, is five years his junior. Niall is set to make his Olympic debut in Beijing having qualified for the Games thanks to a world ranking of 15 in the 1000m.

Date	Beijing Time	Event(s)	Medal Event		
<b>Team GB will compete in the women's 500, 1000m and 1500m and the men's 1000m and 1500m *</b>					
5TH	19:00 - 19:24	WOMEN'S 500M - HEATS			
	19:38 - 20:10	MEN'S 1000M - HEATS			
	20:23 - 20:38	MIXED TEAM RELAY - QUARTERFINALS			
	20:53 - 21:03	MIXED TEAM RELAY - SEMIFINALS			
	21:18 - 21:26	MIXED TEAM RELAY - FINAL B			
	21:26 - 21:34	MIXED TEAM RELAY - FINAL A			
7TH	19:30 - 19:42	WOMEN'S 500M - QUARTERFINALS	🥈		
	19:44 - 20:00	MEN'S 1000M - QUARTERFINALS			
	20:13 - 20:19	WOMEN'S 500M - SEMIFINALS			
	20:20 - 20:28	MEN'S 1000M - SEMIFINALS			
	20:41 - 20:46	WOMEN'S 500M - FINAL B			
	20:46 - 20:51	WOMEN'S 500M - FINAL A			
	20:52 - 20:58	MEN'S 1000M - FINAL B			
	20:58 - 21:04	MEN'S 1000M - FINAL A			
	9TH	19:00 - 19:30		MEN'S 1500M - QUARTERFINALS	🥈
		19:44 - 20:16		WOMEN'S 1000M - HEATS	
20:29 - 20:44		WOMEN'S 1000M - HEATS			
20:45 - 20:59		WOMEN'S 3000M RELAY - SEMIFINALS			
21:13 - 21:20		MEN'S 1500M - FINAL B			
21:20 - 21:28		MEN'S 1500M - FINAL A			
11TH	19:00 - 19:16	WOMEN'S 1000M - QUARTERFINALS	🥈		
	19:18 - 19:42	MEN'S 500M - HEATS			
	19:55 - 20:03	WOMEN'S 1000M - SEMIFINALS			
	20:04 - 20:23	MEN'S 5000M RELAY - SEMIFINALS			
	20:37 - 20:43	WOMEN'S 1000M - FINAL B			
	20:43 - 20:49	WOMEN'S 1000M - FINAL A			
13TH	19:00 - 19:12	MEN'S 500M - QUARTERFINALS	🥈		
	19:27 - 19:33	MEN'S 500M - SEMIFINALS			
	19:35 - 19:44	WOMEN'S 3000M RELAY - FINAL B			
	19:44 - 19:55	WOMEN'S 3000M RELAY - FINAL A			
	20:09 - 20:14	MEN'S 500M - FINAL B			
	20:14 - 20:19	MEN'S 500M - FINAL A			
16TH	19:30 - 20:00	WOMEN'S 1500M - QUARTERFINALS	🥈		
	20:15 - 20:30	WOMEN'S 1500M - SEMIFINALS			
	20:32 - 20:44	MEN'S 5000M RELAY - FINAL B			
	20:44 - 20:57	MEN'S 5000M RELAY - FINAL A			
	21:11 - 21:18	WOMEN'S 1500M - FINAL B			
	21:18 - 21:26	WOMEN'S 1500M - FINAL A			

## ATHLETE BIOS

### KATHRYN THOMSON

**EVENT:** WOMEN'S 500M, 1000M, 1500M | **DOB:** 26 JANUARY 1996 | **HOME TOWN:** KILMARNOCK, SCOTLAND |  
**@KATHRYNJ26** | **@KATHRYNJ26** | **COMPETED IN:** PYEONGCHANG



In 2020, Kathryn Thomson took a year off from short track speed skating to reset – a break that included a stint working at Dunelm, one of the UK's leading home furnishing retailers.

She also did the treble at PyeongChang 2018, experience set to serve her well in Beijing.

That time out paid dividends as she returned to the ice refreshed and promptly qualified for Beijing 2022, her second Olympic Winter Games, in the women's 500m, 1,000m and 1,500m events.

### FARRELL TREACY

**EVENT:** MEN'S 1000M, 1500M | **DOB:** 29 APRIL 1995 | **HOME TOWN:** HENLEY-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE |  
**@FARRELLTREACY** | **@FARRELLTREACY** | **COMPETED IN:** PYEONGCHANG



Farrell Treacy's second Olympic Winter Games will be a family affair after he secured selection for Beijing 2022 alongside younger brother Niall.

As in South Korea, Farrell will take on the 1,000m and 1,500m. On Olympic debut, he got through the heats in the 1,000m – reaching the quarter-finals and finishing 14th overall – while he DNF-ed in the 1,500m.

He was first introduced to short track by a friend at school and made numerous quarter-finals on the World Cup circuit before getting selected for his first Games at PyeongChang 2018.

### NIALL TREACY

**EVENT:** MEN'S 1000M | **DOB:** 20 JULY 2000 | **HOME TOWN:** HENLEY-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE |  
**@NIALLTREACY** | **@NIALLTREACY** | **COMPETED IN:** PYEONGCHANG



Niall Treacy has immersed himself in the Olympic Games for as long as he can remember.

Emulating their jet-heeled exploits was the only logical step and after rapidly ascending the British junior ranks, the youngest Treacy was soon selected as his country's flag bearer at the 2017 Youth Olympic Festival in Erzurum.

Treacy first took to the ice as an eight-year-old after watching brothers Farrell – who competed in PyeongChang in 2018 and will join him in Beijing – and Ethan compete at his local Midlands rink.

## STAFF BIOS

**JON ELEY**

TEAM LEADER



**WILF REEVE**

MEDIA OFFICER



**RICHARD SHOEBRIDGE**

COACH



# SKELETON



Flying down an ice track at 90mph takes bravery, skill and determination and that's exactly what the sport of skeleton requires from its athletes.

Unlike its sister sliding sports of bobsleigh and luge, skeleton never deviates from the formula of a single rider who travels down the hill head first.

Athletes must possess razor-sharp reflexes and a strong responsive body core, while using skilful and precise movements of the shoulder and the knee to direct the sled.

Sliding originated in Switzerland in the 1800s when English soldiers first tumbled down a toboggan track and the original Cresta Run in St Moritz was built in 1884. That natural track was employed at the 1928 and 1948 Games and is still used today.

At those Games, 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.

No nation has won more than Great Britain's nine medals in Olympic skeleton (three gold, one silver and five bronze.)

## WHAT THEY SAID

**Laura Deas:** "It's incredible to see more than ten years on that we're still going strong, and we're building on the success already in place when I started.  
"It's such a strong driver to want to join the club, to become an Olympian and win a medal."

They have also managed to win at least one medal at every single Games where the sport has featured, starting in 1928 when David Carnegie won bronze. That feat was repeated by John Crammond 20 years later.

Team GB enjoy an incredible unbroken run of success, particularly on the women's side.

Alex Coomber picked up a bronze medal at Salt Lake in 2002 in the first-ever staging of the women's



Dominic Parsons won bronze in the men's competition in PyeongChang



Laura Deas won bronze in the women's competition in PyeongChang

event, before Shelley Rudman went one better in Turin and won a silver medal.

At Vancouver 2010, Amy Williams became the first British athlete since 1980 and the first British female athlete since 1952 to win an Olympic Winter gold medal.

Four years later, Team GB struck gold again through Lizzy Yarnold. She became the first British athlete to defend an Olympic Winter title at Pyeongchang 2018.

She was joined on the podium in South Korea by Laura Deas, who picked up a bronze medal. Dominic Parsons claimed bronze in the men's race, the first British man to win a skeleton medal in 70 years.

In Beijing, Deas will be hoping her experience from four years ago will prove invaluable as she aims to follow in the footsteps of her predecessors.

Meanwhile, Matt Weston will hope to build on Parsons's legacy having become the first British man since 2008 to win a World Cup race in Igls in November.

Athletes begin with a running start from the top of the course before the rider jumps onto the skeleton

## FACT FILE

All sliding events will take place at the Yanqing National Sliding Centre, 74km north-west of Beijing. The track that will be used is the first of its kind in the world to include a 360-degree turn - the competition length of the track is 1615 metres, with 16 curves.

sled and descends down the hill at around 80mph, which incredibly, due to the face-down approach of skeleton, is actually the slowest of the sliding sports. That run requires the athlete to push a sled weighing up to 36kg while sprinting for up to 30m in what is their first and last opportunity to gain speed. Once you're on the sled it's all about avoiding mistakes and letting gravity do the rest.

A sport that is almost always decided by mere milliseconds means that any mistake could be the difference between gold and no medal at all,

meaning it's all about making as few mistakes as possible. Once on the sled itself, the athlete must pack down as aerodynamically as possible, tucking the head right in with shoulders arched right back, all while keeping eyes up and moving somewhere between 80mph and 90mph.

Date	Beijing Time	Event(s)	Medal Event
10TH	9:30 - 10:24	MEN HEAT 1	
	11:00 - 11:55	MEN HEAT 2	
11TH	9:30 - 10:24	WOMEN HEAT 1	
	11:00 - 11:55	WOMEN HEAT 2	
	20:20 - 21:14	MEN HEAT 3	Ö
	21:55 - 22:40	MEN HEAT 4	Ö
12TH	20:20 - 21:14	WOMEN HEAT 3	Ö
	21:55 - 22:40	WOMEN HEAT 4	Ö



Team GB have won more Olympic skeleton medals than any other competing nation

## ATHLETE BIOS

### Laura Deas

**EVENT:** WOMEN'S I **DOB:** 19 AUGUST 1998 | **HOME TOWN:** CHIPPENHAM, WILTSHIRE | **Twitter:** @SKELETONLAURA I **Instagram:** @SKELETON\_LAURA\_GB I **COMPETED IN:** PYEONGCHANG



Laura Deas helped make history at PyeongChang 2018 as her bronze in the women's skeleton meant that she and good friend Lizzy Yarnold, who won gold, became the first British Winter Olympians to stand on a medal podium together in an individual event.

Prior to taking up skeleton, Deas was a sporting all-rounder, having enjoyed a professional eventing career, captained Wales

at international tetrathlon competitions, played competitive netball and represented North Wales at hockey. She won her maiden Skeleton World Cup race in Altenberg in November 2015, having previously claimed silver in Calgary and bronze in both Lake Placid and St Moritz before going on to reach the Olympic podium. She has since added another bronze to her collection in Calgary in 2019.

### Brogan Crowley

**EVENT:** WOMEN'S I **DOB:** 20 JULY 1994 | **HOME TOWN:** OLDHAM, GREATER MANCHESTER | **Twitter:** @BROGANCROWLEY I **Instagram:** @BROGANCROWLEY\_



A severed nerve during surgery to remove a bit of bone in her ankle means Brogan Crowley can't feel her foot but that hasn't stopped the skeleton star earning selection for her first Olympic Winter Games in Beijing.

A talented heptathlete who idolised Jessica Ennis-Hill while representing Great Britain at junior level in the multi-discipline sport, Crowley took up skeleton after being inspired by Lizzy

Yarnold's Olympic gold in Sochi.

She finally made her long-awaited World Cup debut in 2020 and recorded a career-best finish of fifth at the World Cup event in Innsbruck in January 2021.

### Matt Weston

**EVENT:** MEN'S I **DOB:** 2 MARCH 1997 | **HOME TOWN:** CROWBOROUGH, EAST SUSSEX | **Twitter:** @MATTWESTON02 I **Instagram:** @MATT\_WESTON\_SKELETON



A former rugby player and taekwondo practitioner, Matt Weston proved his talent on the ice when he became the first British man to win skeleton World Cup gold in more than 13 years in November 2021.

Remarkably, he shared gold with both China's Wenqiang Geng and Germany's Christian Grotheer after all three finished both their runs with an identical combined time of 1:46.04 in

Igls to replicate Kristan Bromley's St Moritz gold back in January 2008.

It capped a remarkable rise for Weston, who only took up skeleton in the summer of 2017 and made his World Cup debut in January 2020.

### Marcus Wyatt

**EVENT:** MEN'S I **DOB:** 14 DECEMBER 1991 | **HOME TOWN:** BRISTOL, BRISTOL | **Twitter:** @MARCUSWYATTGB I **Instagram:** @MARCUSWYATTGB



Marcus Wyatt grew up idolising Formula 1 legend Michael Schumacher – the German's ambition, ability and drive providing a blueprint for Wyatt's skeleton career.

The 30-year-old qualified for his first Olympics in Beijing, hoping to follow Amy Williams (2010) and Lizzy Yarnold (2014, 2018) by striking gold.

Wyatt was in PyeongChang in 2018 after being

selected for the British Olympic Association's Ambitions Programme for potential future Olympians. He has since become a World Cup medallist and his bronze medal in Sigulda in 2020 was the first by a British man in seven years.

Wyatt's first sporting love was American Football and he has been inducted into the Swansea Titans' Hall of Fame.

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# SNOWBOARDING



In Michigan 57 years ago, engineer Sherman Poppen fastened two skis together so his young daughters could safely glide downhill on snow.

Dubbed 'the snurfer' by his wife Nancy, the creation was so popular with his daughter's friends that Poppen licensed the idea to a manufacturer.

Half a million were sold in 1967 alone and over the following decades, the sport evolved into what we now call snowboarding, a combination of skiing, sledding, skateboarding and surfing.

Just 33 years after Poppen's makeshift invention, the evolved sport made its Olympic Winter Games debut at Nagano 1998, with four gold medals available - giant slalom and halfpipe for both men and women.

And it has continued to grow across the past quarter of a century, with 11 gold medals up for grabs at Beijing 2022, including a mixed event for the first time.

238 competitors will head to the Genting Snow Park and Big Air Shougang vying for gold medals in big air, halfpipe, parallel giant slalom, slopestyle, snowboard cross and the brand-new snowboard cross team event.

First held in Nagano 24 years ago, halfpipe sees competitors ride down a semi-circular tube shaped

into the snow and use their speed to come over the lip of the pipe and perform aerial tricks which they are judged on. Riders perform two qualification runs with only the 12 highest scorers progressing to the final, where they contest another two runs to decide the medals.

Debuting as giant slalom in Nagano, parallel giant slalom made its debut in Salt Lake City 20 years ago and begins with athletes competing on their own against the clock before head-to-head knockout races to eventually decide the medallists.

Snowboard cross made its Winter Olympic debut at Turin 2006 and features a course of jumps, bumps, berms and other obstacles for athletes to contend with.

Similar to parallel giant slalom, athletes start by racing on their own against the clock though the fastest athletes are then split into groups of four, who race in heats against each other with the top two progressing until there are four left to contend the final.

The Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics saw the debut of slopestyle, which is similar to halfpipe in terms of athletes being judged on their performances and there being a qualification round before the final. Competitors make their way down a course which



Jamie Nicholls finished 16th in the slopestyle and 23rd in the big air in PyeongChang



Zoe Gillings-Brier finished 13th in the snowboard cross competition in PyeongChang

can include rails, boxes, hips, quarter pipes and three to four jumps, and are awarded marks for the tricks and skills they demonstrate, with newer or trickier skills generally rewarded with higher marks.

Big air made its debut in PyeongChang four years ago and is another event judged on the skills a competitor demonstrates after launching themselves skyward from a steeply-banked, ski jump-style ramp, with height, distance, difficulty and execution all factored into the judges' score.

Athletes perform three individual runs, with only the highest score taken into account in the qualification round and the same format used in the final.

The mixed team snowboard cross sees the already existing snowboard cross event turned into a mixed gender relay, with the first two teams in each heat to see both their female and male athlete cross the finish line progressing until four teams are left for the final.

USA is the home of snowboarding and that is shown in the sport's overall medal table since it made its Winter Olympic debut. Germany were the most successful snowboarding nation in Nagano but the US have won the most golds at every Games since, with 14 golds and 31 medals in total. Team GB have won two snowboarding medals since the sport was

introduced to the Winter Olympics, the first of those coming back in 2014.

Jenny Jones made history in Sochi when she became the first Brit to secure an Olympic podium finish on snow by claiming bronze in the women's slopestyle before Billy Morgan picked up a medal of the same colour in the first ever men's big air competition in PyeongChang four years later.

A first British Olympic snowboarding gold in Beijing is a legitimate possibility, with Charlotte Bankes in particular impressing since changing licence from France in 2018.

The 26-year-old snowboard cross star became Great Britain's first world champion in the sport last February and two podium finishes in the first three World Cup races of this season suggest an athlete in form. Bankes finished seventh at PyeongChang 2018 in French colours and will be looking for an improvement on that Olympic experience, a feeling shared by fellow snowboarder Katie Ormerod.

Ormerod fractured her heel in slopestyle training days before PyeongChang and missed out on a Games debut but has spent the last four years making amends – lifting the overall World Cup title in that discipline in 2020.

Date	Beijing Time	Event(s)	Medal Event
Team GB will compete in the women's slopestyle, women's big air and snowboard cross competitions*			
5TH	10:45 - 11:45	WOMEN'S SNOWBOARD SLOPESTYLE QUALIFICATION RUN 1	
	11:47 - 12:47	WOMEN'S SNOWBOARD SLOPESTYLE QUALIFICATION RUN 2	
6TH	9:30 - 9:55	WOMEN'S SNOWBOARD SLOPESTYLE FINAL RUN 1	🥉
	9:57 - 10:22	WOMEN'S SNOWBOARD SLOPESTYLE FINAL RUN 2	
	10:24 - 10:49	WOMEN'S SNOWBOARD SLOPESTYLE FINAL RUN 3	
	12:30 - 13:30	MEN'S SNOWBOARD SLOPESTYLE QUALIFICATION RUN 1	
	13:32 - 14:32	MEN'S SNOWBOARD SLOPESTYLE QUALIFICATION RUN 2	
7TH	12:00 - 12:25	MEN'S SNOWBOARD SLOPESTYLE FINAL RUN 1	🥉
	12:27 - 12:52	MEN'S SNOWBOARD SLOPESTYLE FINAL RUN 2	
	12:54 - 13:19	MEN'S SNOWBOARD SLOPESTYLE FINAL RUN 3	
8TH	10:40 - 11:05	WOMEN'S PARALLEL GIANT SLALOM QUALIFICATION RUN	🥉 🥉 🥉 🥉 🥉 🥉 🥉 🥉 🥉 🥉 🥉 🥉 🥉 🥉
	11:07 - 11:32	MEN'S PARALLEL GIANT SLALOM QUALIFICATION RUN	
	11:34 - 11:59	WOMEN'S PARALLEL GIANT SLALOM ELIMINATION RUN	
	12:01 - 12:26	MEN'S PARALLEL GIANT SLALOM ELIMINATION RUN	
	14:30 - 14:48	WOMEN'S PARALLEL GIANT SLALOM 1/8 FINALS	
	14:48 - 15:06	MEN'S PARALLEL GIANT SLALOM 1/8 FINALS	
	15:06 - 15:15	WOMEN'S PARALLEL GIANT SLALOM QUARTERFINALS	
	15:15 - 15:24	MEN'S PARALLEL GIANT SLALOM QUARTERFINALS	
	15:24 - 15:30	WOMEN'S PARALLEL GIANT SLALOM SEMIFINALS	
	15:30 - 15:36	MEN'S PARALLEL GIANT SLALOM SEMIFINALS	
	15:36	WOMEN'S PARALLEL GIANT SLALOM SMALL FINAL	
	15:43	MEN'S PARALLEL GIANT SLALOM SMALL FINAL	
	AFTER SMALL FINAL	WOMEN'S PARALLEL GIANT SLALOM BIG FINAL	
	AFTER SMALL FINAL	MEN'S PARALLEL GIANT SLALOM BIG FINAL	
9TH	9:30 - 10:19	WOMEN'S SNOWBOARD HALFPIPE QUALIFICATION RUN 1	🥉
	10:21 - 11:10	WOMEN'S SNOWBOARD HALFPIPE QUALIFICATION RUN 2	
	11:00 - 11:45	WOMEN'S SNOWBOARD CROSS SEEDING RUN 1	
	11:55 - 12:25	WOMEN'S SNOWBOARD CROSS SEEDING RUN 2	
	12:30 - 13:19	MEN'S SNOWBOARD HALFPIPE QUALIFICATION RUN 1	
	13:21 - 14:10	MEN'S SNOWBOARD HALFPIPE QUALIFICATION RUN 2	
	14:30 - 15:04	WOMEN'S SNOWBOARD CROSS 1/8 FINALS	
	15:07 - 15:25	WOMEN'S SNOWBOARD CROSS QUARTERFINALS	
	15:28 - 15:38	WOMEN'S SNOWBOARD CROSS SEMIFINALS	
	15:45	WOMEN'S SNOWBOARD CROSS SMALL FINAL	
	AFTER SMALL FINAL	WOMEN'S SNOWBOARD CROSS BIG FINAL	
10TH	9:30 - 9:55	WOMEN'S SNOWBOARD HALFPIPE FINAL RUN 1	🥉
	9:57 - 10:22	WOMEN'S SNOWBOARD HALFPIPE FINAL RUN 2	
	10:24 - 10:49	WOMEN'S SNOWBOARD HALFPIPE FINAL RUN 3	
	11:15 - 12:00	MEN'S SNOWBOARD CROSS SEEDING RUN 1	
	12:10 - 12:40	MEN'S SNOWBOARD CROSS SEEDING RUN 2	
	14:00 - 14:34	MEN'S SNOWBOARD CROSS 1/8 FINALS	
	14:37 - 14:55	MEN'S SNOWBOARD CROSS QUARTERFINALS	
	14:58 - 15:08	MEN'S SNOWBOARD CROSS SEMIFINALS	
	15:15	MEN'S SNOWBOARD CROSS SMALL FINAL	
	AFTER SMALL FINAL	MEN'S SNOWBOARD CROSS BIG FINAL	

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11TH	9:30 - 9:55	MEN'S SNOWBOARD HALFPIPE FINAL RUN 1	🥈
	9:57 - 10:22	MEN'S SNOWBOARD HALFPIPE FINAL RUN 2	
	10:24 - 10:49	MEN'S SNOWBOARD HALFPIPE FINAL RUN 3	
12TH	10:00 - 10:24	MIXED TEAM SNOWBOARD CROSS QUARTERFINALS	
	10:30 - 10:42	MIXED TEAM SNOWBOARD CROSS SEMIFINALS	
	10:50	MIXED TEAM SNOWBOARD CROSS SMALL FINAL	
	AFTER SMALL FINAL	MIXED TEAM SNOWBOARD CROSS BIG FINAL	
14TH	9:30 - 10:14	WOMEN'S SNOWBOARD BIG AIR QUALIFICATION RUN 1	
	10:15 - 10:59	WOMEN'S SNOWBOARD BIG AIR QUALIFICATION RUN 2	
	11:00 - 11:45	WOMEN'S SNOWBOARD BIG AIR QUALIFICATION RUN 3	
	13:30 - 14:14	MEN'S SNOWBOARD BIG AIR QUALIFICATION RUN 1	
	14:15 - 14:59	MEN'S SNOWBOARD BIG AIR QUALIFICATION RUN 2	
	15:00 - 15:45	MEN'S SNOWBOARD BIG AIR QUALIFICATION RUN 3	
15TH	9:30 - 9:50	WOMEN'S SNOWBOARD BIG AIR FINAL RUN 1	🥈
	9:52 - 10:12	WOMEN'S SNOWBOARD BIG AIR FINAL RUN 2	
	10:15 - 10:35	WOMEN'S SNOWBOARD BIG AIR FINAL RUN 3	
	13:00 - 13:20	MEN'S SNOWBOARD BIG AIR FINAL RUN 1	
	13:22 - 13:42	MEN'S SNOWBOARD BIG AIR FINAL RUN 2	
	13:45 - 14:05	MEN'S SNOWBOARD BIG AIR FINAL RUN 3	

## ATHLETE BIOS

### HUW NIGHTINGALE

**EVENT:** SNOWBOARD CROSS | **DOB:** 12 NOVEMBER 2001 |



A fresh face on the international circuit, Huw Nightingale has wasted no time in stamping his authority on one of winter sports' most unpredictable disciplines.

He won his first senior FIS race in the Czech Republic in March 2020, and claimed another in Reiteralm, Austria in January 2021.

Two months later, Nightingale finished fourth at the World Junior Championships and will hope to use his early World Cup experiences to good effect in Beijing.

### CHARLOTTE BANKES

**EVENT:** SNOWBOARD CROSS | **DOB:** 10 JUNE 1995 | **HOME TOWN:** HAUTES-ALPES, FRANCE |  
 @CHARLOTTE\_BANKES | **COMPETED IN:** PYEONGCHANG, SOCHI, VANCOUVER



Snowboard cross history maker Charlotte Bankes hopes third time's the charm at the Olympic Games.

Hailing from Hemel Hempstead, Bankes moved to the Alps as a child and represented France in snowboard cross at two Olympics before switching to Great Britain in 2019.

In 2021 she was crowned Britain's first snowboarding world champion and the first British woman to claim a world title in a winter sport for 85 years.

This season Bankes has won three World Cup golds across five events and is on course for the Crystal Globe in her discipline.

### KATIE ORMEROD

**EVENT:** SLOPESTYLE/BIG AIR | **DOB:** 25 AUGUST 1997 | **HOME TOWN:** BRIGHOUSE, WEST YORKSHIRE |  
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After watching the 2018 Games from a hospital bed, Katie Ormerod is more inspired than most to make Beijing 2022 one to remember.

Just a day before Ormerod was set to compete in PyeongChang, she split her heel bone in half after coming off a rail in training and was ruled out.

It took seven operations, skin grafts and countless rehab sessions to get Ormerod back on track.

Her comeback season in 2019/20 saw her win the slopestyle World Cup Crystal Globe, the first British woman and snowboarder to complete the feat.

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# SPEED SKATING



Speed skating was one of the original sports at the very first Olympic Winter Games at Chamonix in 1924 with a women's event added in time for the 1960 Squaw Valley Olympics in the USA.

The event is held as a timed race over a set distance (Olympic disciplines range from 500m to 10000m) with competitors racing in pairs in two separate lanes. Racers switch over on the back straight to enable them to cover an equal distance per lap.

There is also a team pursuit event at the Games, first introduced in Turin 2006, which works in a similar vein to the track cycling event of the same name. Teams are comprised of three skaters, with the two teams racing at the same time, both on the inside lane. The team must complete six laps in the women's discipline and eight in the men's, with the time stopped when the third skater crosses the line.

Perhaps unsurprisingly given their status as the sports pre-eminent nation, Netherlands top the all-time medal table, with 121 total medals including 42 golds.

The United States of America are the second most successful speed skaters, having taken 29 golds in their history and 68 overall. Winter Games powerhouse Norway are close on their tail with 27 gold medals, having won 84 in total.

Netherlands took 16 of the 42 medals on offer last time out in PyeongChang, led by a double gold, in the 1000m and 1500m from world record-holder and skating superstar Kjeld Nuis.

His fellow countryman, Sven Kramer took gold in the 5000m, setting an Olympic record time in the process and winning the event for the third Games on the spin. Another legend of the sport Ireen Wüst, also from the Netherlands, won the 1500m for the fifth gold of her career. She is the most decorated speed skater in Olympic history with 11 medals in total and the only female Winter Olympian to win nine individual medals.

Japan also had an excellent Games, taking three golds in the women's events, including the team pursuit. Prior to 2022, Team GB's last speed skating competitor came at the 1992 Games when Craig McNicoll raced on Albertville's outdoor rink. Cornelius Kersten will end the long wait for British representation in this event by competing in two speed skating disciplines in Beijing this winter.

Kersten, 27, has represented Great Britain since 2014, qualifying through his British mother. He was born in the Netherlands, with his Dutch father also a passionate skater. Becoming the first British long track skater to compete at a Games in 30 years, Kersten was named in the squad after finishing 11th in the



Netherlands won seven of 14 available gold medals at PyeongChang 2018

recent World Cup series. Courtesy of his ninth place in Norway last November, he became the first British athlete in 26 years to finish in the top ten at a World Cup event.

Since then, Kersten has recorded the best-ever result for a British long track speed skater at the European Championships with his fourth place in the 1000m in Heerenveen. His partner Ellia Smeding is also a speed skater and away from competing the two run their own coffee company 'Brew 22'. Both still live and train in the Netherlands.

When he steps onto the ice at Beijing's National Speed Skating Oval, Kersten will be aiming to win Team GB's first-ever Winter Olympic medal in the longer form of the sport. Both men and women will compete in seven different events at Beijing 2022 meaning there will once again be 14 gold medals on offer.

The events vary in distance with the men's made up of the 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 5000m, 10000m and mass start disciplines, as well as the team pursuit. In the women's programme the only change is the addition of the 3000m in place of a 10000m race.

The qualification times and programme structure remain unchanged from the last Games in South Korea four years ago. However, one slight alteration from 2018 sees the maximum quota places change now the same for men as for women, with 83 speed skaters per gender.

This also means the overall number of quota places across both has been slightly reduced, from 180 to 166.

The final day of the competition schedule sees both mass start events take place. This discipline, which was reintroduced to the Olympic programme in PyeongChang for the first time since 1932, sees three semi-finals with the eight fastest from each progressing to the final, where 24 athletes will compete for the medals.

Both the women's and men's mass start will have a mixed line-up with athletes from both the sprint and longer-distance races, meaning tactics can make all the difference between success and failure.

Date	Beijing Time	Event(s)	Medal Event
TBC			
5TH	16:30 - 17:51	WOMEN'S 3000M	🥈
6TH	16:30 - 18:15	MEN'S 5000M	🥈
7TH	16:30 - 17:50	WOMEN'S 1500M	🥈
8TH	18:30 - 19:50	MEN'S 1500M	🥈
10TH	20:00 - 21:16	WOMEN'S 5000M	🥈
11TH	16:00 - 17:55	MEN'S 10000M	🥈
12TH	16:00 - 16:23	WOMEN'S TEAM PURSUIT QUARTERFINALS	🥈
	16:53 - 17:34	MEN'S 500M	
13TH	21:00 - 21:26	MEN'S TEAM PURSUIT QUARTERFINALS	🥈
	21:56 - 22:37	WOMEN'S 500M	
15TH	14:30 - 14:42	WOMEN'S TEAM PURSUIT SEMIFINALS	🥈 🥈 🥈 🥈 🥈 🥈 🥈 🥈 🥈 🥈
	14:52 - 15:04	MEN'S TEAM PURSUIT SEMIFINALS	
	15:24 - 15:30	WOMEN'S TEAM PURSUIT FINAL D	
	15:30 - 15:36	WOMEN'S TEAM PURSUIT FINAL C	
	15:43 - 15:49	MEN'S TEAM PURSUIT FINAL D	
	15:49 - 15:55	MEN'S TEAM PURSUIT FINAL C	
	16:22 - 16:28	WOMEN'S TEAM PURSUIT FINAL B	
	16:28 - 16:34	WOMEN'S TEAM PURSUIT FINAL A	
	16:41 - 16:47	MEN'S TEAM PURSUIT FINAL B	
	16:47 - 16:53	MEN'S TEAM PURSUIT FINAL A	

Date	Beijing Time	Event(s)	Medal Event
Team GB will compete in the 1000 and 1500m events*			
17TH	16:30 - 17:42	WOMEN'S 1000M	🥈
18TH	16:30 - 17:40	MEN'S 1000M	🥈
19TH	15:00 - 15:30	MEN'S MASS START SEMIFINALS	🥈 🥈 🥈 🥈
	15:45 - 16:15	WOMEN'S MASS START SEMIFINALS	
	16:30 - 16:45	MEN'S MASS START FINAL	
	17:00 - 17:15	WOMEN'S MASS START FINAL	

## ATHLETE BIOS

### ELLIA SMEDING

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In Beijing Ellia Smeding will become the first female long track speed skater to represent Team GB since Kim Ferran and Mandy Horsepool in 1980.

She sealed historic qualification alongside boyfriend Cornelius Kersten and studies law part-time in Groningen, Netherlands, where the pair are currently based.

Smeding broke British records in the 1000m and 1500m in the lead-up to the Games and will take on those two events on Olympic debut.

### CORNELIUS KERSTEN

**EVENT:** 500M, 1000M, 1500M | **DOB:** 19 JULY 1994 | **HOME TOWN:** HEEMSTED, NETHERLANDS | [TWITTER](#) @KERSTNCORNELIUS | [INSTAGRAM](#) @CORNELIUSKERSTEN



Cornelius Kersten is a true sporting pioneer and will become the first long track speed skater to represent Team GB in 30 years in Beijing. The last to do so was Craig McNicoll, who competed in the 1000m and 1500m in 1992, the same programme that will be attempted by Kersten in China.

He was born in the Netherlands to a speed skating-obsessed father and a British mother,

who left home in Islington for an internship in the country and never left.

Kersten has sent personal bests and tumbling to qualify for the Olympics, finishing ninth at a World Cup to become the first Brit to hit the top ten in 36 years. A constant companion on that journey has been girlfriend and fellow British speed skater Ellia Smeding, with whom he owns a coffee business.

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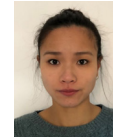
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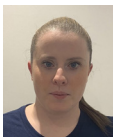
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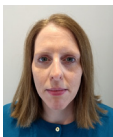
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