The Youth Olympic Games (YOG)

Bibliography

Selection of publications on the YOG

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Abbreviations

CEP - Culture and Education Programme
YOG - Youth Olympic Games

Note

For some of the listed articles, the full text is only accessible by IP recognition from the IOC.
1. Youth Olympic Games - General

This section includes a selection of IOC reference documents, academic publications and articles on the general theme of the YOG.

1.1. IOC publications and documents

The Youth Olympic Games
This book published by the IOC is an introductory document on the Youth Olympic Games.

The Youth Olympic Games vision and principles
The Olympic Studies Centre. June 2014, 4 p.
Origin, vision, facts, figures and other information on the new Olympic event for 15-18 year-olds.

The Youth Olympic sports programme
The Olympic Studies Centre. June 2014, 6 p.
Information on the sports programme and new events taking place at the YOG.

The Youth Olympic Games Learn & Share beyond the field of play
The Olympic Studies Centre. June 2014, 6 p.
Information on the cultural and educational activities of the YOG.

The Youth Olympic Games facts and figures
The Olympic Studies Centre, June 2014, 4 p.
Facts and figures on past and future editions of the YOG.

Youth Olympic Games medals from Singapore 2010 to Nanjing 2014
The Olympic Studies Centre, April 2015, 7 p.
This document looks at the evolution of the medals of the three first editions of the YOG since Singapore in 2010.

Youth Olympic Games mascots from Singapore 2010 to Lillehammer 2016
The Olympic Studies Centre, June 2015, 8 p.
Inspired by people, animals and even creatures of myth and legend, the mascots are an integral part of the Olympic celebrations.

1.2. Academic publications & articles

Publications

The Youth Olympic Games
This is the first book to be published on the YOG. It critically examines the origins of the Games and the motives of the Games organisers, as well as the organisation and management of the Games and their wider impact and significance.
**Olympische Jugendspiele. Chance oder Gefahr**

**Articles**

**Challenges for the Youth Olympic Games, summer and winter**
This paper looks at the development of the YOG, first held in Singapore in August 2010, from the European Youth Olympic Festival (EYOF), first held in Brussels in 1991. With about 3500 athletes between 14 and 18 years of age from all 205 National Olympic Committees, a full Olympic sports programme, a Youth Olympic Village, and a Culture and Education Programme (CEP), the YOG is a very significant development requiring investigation and consideration.

**From the editor’s desk: Olympic agenda 2020: is the Youth Olympic Games facilitating the long term development of elite weightlifting athletes?**
The purpose of this paper was to track the progress of the 33 medal winning weightlifting athletes who competed in the 1st Summer YOG Singapore 2010.

**From the World Youth Games 1998 in Moscow to the Youth Olympic Games**
Lev Kofman writes about the 1998 World Youth Games in Moscow, for whose success he was responsible as Executive Director and which were the forerunners of today’s YOG.

**Gender and type of sport differences on perceived coaching behaviors, achievement goal orientations and life aspirations of youth Olympic games Singaporean athletes**
This study examined the gender and type of sport differences on perceived coaching behaviours, achievement goal orientations and life aspirations in a new international event - YOG. Singaporean athletes (61 males and 40 females) who took part in the YOG were recruited for the study.

**Genèse et attribution des premiers Jeux Olympiques de la Jeunesse**
Cet article examine la genèse des Jeux Olympiques de la Jeunesse (JOJ) et la procédure menant à leur première attribution.

**Making the millennial mark: lessons learned by Youth Olympic Games**
The purpose of this research study was to collect data from undergraduate physical education students in the United States regarding their awareness and perceptions of the YOG. A survey instrument was developed to assess personal and perceived public awareness, event logo identification, social and traditional media use, and intention to attend or watch the YOG.

**Olympic education and the Youth Olympic Games**
This paper examines the YOG from the educational point of view— and in particular through a consideration of the CEP at the Summer YOG Singapore 2010. It is based on an analysis of the development of the idea of the YOG, and on contemporary information and reports.
The promotion of the Youth Olympic Games: a Greek perspective
Lawrence W. Judge, Jeffrey C. Petersen, David Bellar… [et al.]. IN: Journal of research in health, physical education, recreation, sport & dance, Spring/Summer 2011, volume 6, Issue 1, pp. 6-12.
The purpose of this research was to collect awareness and opinion data from the sports community in Greece regarding the upcoming YOG. These findings are described and evaluated in comparison to prior research data in order to provide insight related to the launch of this new international sport festival.

The promotion and perception of the Youth Olympic Games: a Korean perspective
Lawrence W. Judge, Jeffrey C. Petersen, David Bellar… [et al.]. IN: Journal of research in health, physical education, recreation, sport & dance, Fall/Winter 2013, volume 8, issue 2, pp. 12-18.
The purpose of this research study was to assess how attitudes, public awareness, and access to social media impact the sports community in Korea regarding YOG engagement via television viewing or event attendance.

The promotion and perception of the Youth Olympic Games: the case of figure skating
The purpose of this particular investigation was to collect data from figure skating coaches in the United States regarding their awareness and perceptions of the YOG approximately one year prior to the inaugural event.

The Youth Olympic Games: do the risks outweigh the rewards?
The purpose of this manuscript is to investigate the relationship between the YOG and the effects on its major stakeholders and to examine the sustainability (survival and success) through an analysis of how the network of stakeholders exerts various forms of pressure on the YOG.

The sustainability of the Youth Olympic Games: stakeholder networks and institutional perspectives
This paper explored the YOGs’ potential sustainability (survival and success) through an analysis of how actors exert various forms of pressure on the YOG.

The Youth Olympic Games from the athlete’s perspective
This article focuses on the need to take the experiences of participating athletes into consideration in order to evaluate the event.

The Youth Olympic Games: the best of the Olympics or a poor copy?
This paper explores the new event in the Olympic Movement, the YOG in Innsbruck, Austria, in 2012, and examines the similarities and differences between the winter editions of the YOG and the Olympic Games.

The Youth Olympic Games: past, present and future
This paper charts the chronological development of the YOG through a broad overview of little-known Youth Olympic Festivals, which the YOG is reported to be modelled after, and traces the political/economical/ideological contexts for the conception of the YOG.
The Youth Olympic Games: some ethical issues
This paper presents some of the background to the development of the YOG the principles underlying them, and some of the practical challenges in implementing them. Regarding the sports programme, modifications from the Olympic Games programme are noted, and innovations examined in terms of underlying values, such as immaturity and harm, talent identification, and the exploitation of young athletes.

The Youth Olympic Games, their programs, and Olympism
Focused around a vision to inspire young people to participate in sport and learn about the values of Olympism, the YOG implemented an extensive CEP and an innovative Competitive Program. This paper evaluates both these programs and the extent to which they embody and advance Olympism. It identifies strengths as well as potential areas of improvements.

Youth Olympic Games: a new paradigm in the quest for transnationalism
The purpose of this paper is to clarify the significance and future tasks of the transnational directions of the 2010 SYOG and the 2012 IWYOG, with a special focus on the CEP and the new competition styles. The methods of data collection included an on-site survey in the host cities, interviews with Japanese athletes, and a review of the official report from the Japanese Olympic Committee.

Youth Olympic Games: challenges and impact on the different youth sports policies of the world
This paper wants to point out some of the challenges the IOC will be faced with in organising the first YOG. This overview indicates that specifying an excellent idea into a real organisation involves dealing with unexpected dilemmas and ethical questions.

Youth Olympic Games: connecting the ideals of Olympism with high school sports
The purpose of this literature review is to provide readers with a comprehensive overview of the benefits and potential unintended consequences of the YOG. Additionally, this paper will provide strategies that may assist coaches and educators in their efforts to promote the ideals of Olympism that are associated with the YOG to 14-18 year old high school students.
2. **Youth Olympic Games - By edition**

For each edition of the YOG, you will first find the link to the *official publications* produced by the IOC and the Youth Organizing Committees in electronic format, and then a list of selected *academic publications and articles*.

Note that *The Olympic Studies Centre* also makes available on-site in Lausanne a complementary selection of *official publications* in hard copy. These are not included in this bibliographical list: to have an overview of what is available, use our *online research tools*.

2.1. **1st** Summer YOG Singapore 2010

2.1.1. **Official publications**

Access the *official publications of the 1st Summer YOG Singapore 2010* via our digital library.

2.1.2. **Articles & publications**

**Publications**

*Perspectives on physical education and sports science in Singapore: an eye on the Youth Olympic Games 2010*
In 2010 the eyes of the world will be on Singapore as the YOG encompasses an initiative to invite the international sporting youth to participate, not only in competitive games, but also in educational and cultural activities.

**Articles**

*Characteristics of the Japanese national team of the first Youth Olympic Games*
Yoko Tanabe, Shin Asakawa, Yuko Arakida... [et al.]. IN: Journal of sports medicine & doping studies, volume 5, issue 2, 2015, 7 p.
This study investigates the change in young elite Japanese athlete’s attitudes during the Summer YOG Singapore 2010.

*Fastest, highest, youngest?: analysing the athlete’s experience of the Singapore Youth Olympic Games*
Jörg Krieger. IN: International review for the sociology of sport 48(6), pp. 706-719.
This paper analyses the YOG through the experiences of participating athletes and puts their perception of the event in contrast to the policies of the IOC.

*Hosting the Youth Olympic Games: the pioneers from Singapore*
This chapter examines the motivations, organisational processes, and linked issues that helped to establish Singapore as a country capable of creating an Olympic event and simultaneously marketing the Singapore brand.
2.2. 1st Winter YOG Innsbruck 2012

2.2.1. Official publications

Access the official publications of the 1st Winter YOG Innsbruck 2012 via our digital library.

2.2.2. Articles & publications

Publications

Olympic village architectural competition: 2012 Winter Youth Olympic games, Innsbruck


Book in German. Dokumentation des Architekturwettbewerbes für die Neunutzung und Neubebauung des Areals der ehemaligen Eugenkaserne in Innsbruck, Reichenau.

The Youth Olympic Games (YOG)
The Olympic Studies Centre / studies.centre@olympic.org
Evaluation of the innovative elements of the WYOG 2012 sports programme with particular emphasis on the media and spectators: final report
This report aims to evaluate how the media and spectators perceive the innovative sporting events held at the Innsbruck 2012 Winter Youth Olympic Games.

First Winter Youth Olympic Games Innsbruck 2012: special issue
This special issue on the YOG contains the following articles: “Measuring the impacts of the Winter Youth Olympic Games 2012 the impact - stakeholder approach” / “Sport injuries and illnesses during the first Winter Youth Olympic Games 2012 in Innsbruck, Austria” / “The role of a relative age effect in the first winter Youth Olympic Games in 2012” / “Quality of life, coach behaviour and competitive anxiety in Winter Youth Olympic Games participants” / “Medical services at the first Winter Youth Olympic Games 2012 in Innsbruck/Austria”.

The legacies of the Innsbruck 2012 Winter Youth Olympic Games as perceived by the local youth
An empirical study conducted three years after the Winter YOG Innsbruck 2012 analysed the (intangible) legacies created amongst the local youth in the host region, school pupils having been involved in the Winter YOG Innsbruck 2012 in different ways (school programmes, media, on-site).

Die Youth Olympic Games zwischen Anspruch und Realität: eine empirische Untersuchung zu Einstellungen Tiroler Schüler im zusammenhang mit den Youth Olympic Games 2012
Dieses Buch leistet einen Beitrag zur Diskussion der YOG und trägt mittels einer empirischen Studie zur Behebung des Erkenntnisdefizits im Bezug auf die YOG bei.

Articles

Les 1er Jeux Olympiques de la Jeunesse d'hiver Innsbruck 2012: du 13 au 22 janvier 2012
Fernand Guth. IN: Le Flambeau: revue officielle du Comité olympique et sportif luxembourgeois, n° 76 (juin 2012), pp. 12-27
Cet article propose un compte rendu des JOJ d’Innsbruck 2012, organisation, résultats, etc.

Athletes’ expectations, experiences, and legacies of the Winter Youth Olympic Games Innsbruck 2012
At large-scale events such as the YOG, coaches, chefs de mission, and others accompany athletes and, therefore, gain a deeper insight into their behavior. This study aims at assessing young elite athletes’ perceptions of the YOG experience from the point-of-view of different stakeholder groups.

Competing for culture: young Olympians’ narratives from the first Winter Youth Olympic Games
Elsa Kristiansen. IN: International journal of sport & exercise psychology, volume 13, issue 1, March 2015, pp. 29-42.
The purpose of this investigation was to study how the Norwegian Olympic Youth Team experienced the first Winter YOG Innsbruck 2012 by examining how they balanced the regular competitive programme, the CEP in addition to several innovative events.

Innsbruck: récit d'Eric Courtois, bénévole aux premiers JOJ d'hiver
Eric Courtois. IN: Le Flambeau: revue officielle du Comité olympique et sportif luxembourgeois, n° 76 (juin 2012), pp. 34-43
2.3. 2nd Summer YOG Nanjing 2014

2.3.1. Official publications

Access the official publications of the 2nd Summer YOG Nanjing 2014 via our digital library.

2.3.2. Articles & publications

Publication

*A fund raising plan for Youth Olympic Games: the Nanjing 2014 Puerto Rico project*
This dissertation of the Executive Organizational Sport Master Degree (MEMOS) aims to build a fund raising plan for the Puerto Rico NOC YOG project.

Articles

*A novel anti-doping and medical care delivery model at the 2nd Summer Youth Olympic Games (2014), Nanjing China*
Margo Mountjoy, Najla Akef, Richard Budgett... [et al.]. IN: British journal of sports medicine, 1 April 2015, Ahead of print, 7 p.
The objective of this article is to document and critique the novel anti-doping and medical care delivery models implemented at the 2nd Summer YOG Nanjing 2014.
2.4. 2nd Winter YOG Lillehammer 2016

2.4.1. Official publications

Access the official publications of the 2nd Winter YOG Lillehammer 2016 via our digital library.

2.4.2. Articles & publications

Thesis

Environmental certification of Lillehammer Youth Olympic Games
This master thesis was an initiative of the Organising Committee of the Winter YOG Lillehammer 2010. The main research question is: Which environmental certification systems can be relevant and applicable to large sports events like the Youth Olympic Games?

Expected event legacies of Lillehammer Youth Olympic Games 2016
The purpose of this master thesis was to investigate the 'expected event legacies of the Winter YOG Lillehammer 2016'.

2.5. 3rd Summer YOG Buenos Aires 2018

2.5.1. Official publications

Access the official publications of the 3rd Summer YOG Buenos Aires 2018 via our digital library.

2.6. 3rd Winter YOG Lausanne 2020

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