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## 4th Winter Youth Olympic Games Gangwon 2024 - Information for the media

### 1) GENERAL INFORMATION

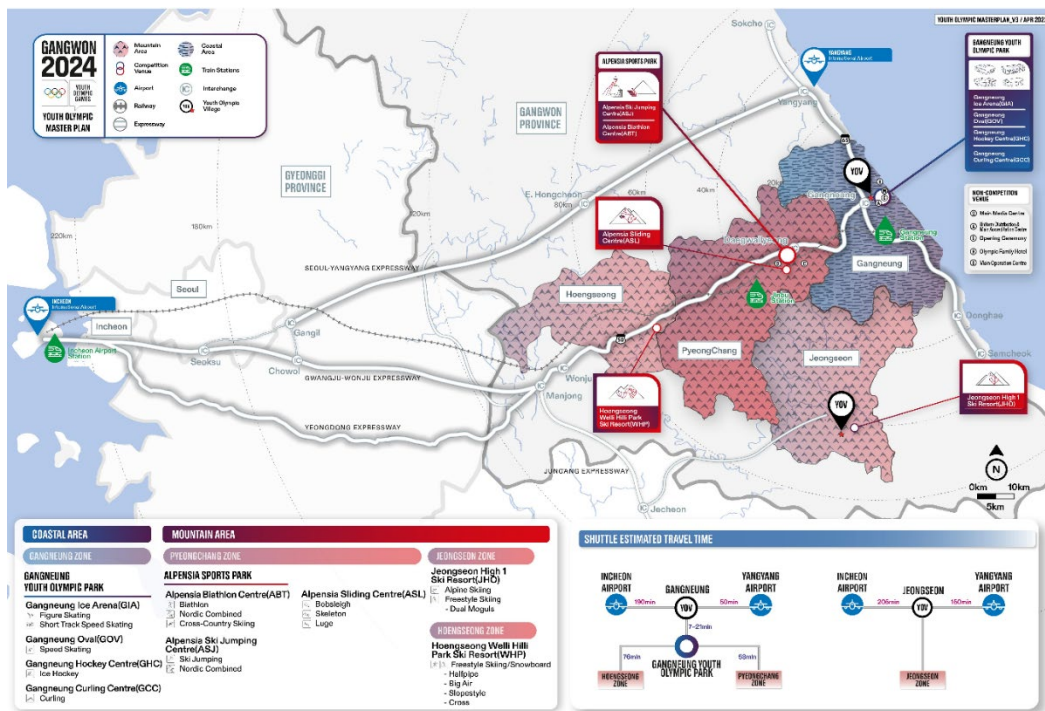
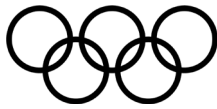
The world's most promising young winter athletes will take part in the 4th Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG). [This edition of the YOG](#) will be held in the Province of Gangwon in the **Republic of Korea**, which hosted the Olympic Winter Games [PyeongChang 2018](#).

Many YOG athletes have gone on to become Olympic champions. Some notable examples include [Lim Hyo-jun](#) (short-track speed skating, Republic of Korea), [Gu Ailing Eileen](#) (freestyle skiing, People's Republic of China), [Andreas Wellinger](#) (ski jumping, Germany), [Chloe Kim](#) (snowboard, USA) and [Petra Vlhova](#) (Alpine skiing, Slovakia).

The YOG Gangwon 2024 will take place from **Friday, 19 January to Thursday, 1 February 2024**.

### Overview and key facts

- **Dates:** from Friday, 19 January to Thursday, 1 February 2024
- **First Winter YOG to be held in Asia**
- **Competition venues:** four clusters in the Gangwon Province (PyeongChang, Gangneung, Jeongseon and Hoengseong)
- **Sports programme:** 7 sports, 15 disciplines, 81 medal events
- **Number of athletes:** 1,900 from around 81 National Olympic Committees
- **100% gender balance**



## Competition Schedule

The full downloadable [Competition Schedule](#) is available on the [Gangwon 2024 website](#), along with a [complete guide to all the venues and the map](#).

## 2) ACCREDITATION

Media representatives interested in covering the Winter YOG Gangwon 2024 should submit their accreditation application on the [Media Registration Portal](#). The application period is from 1 August to 10 October 2023, until 23:59 KST.

The registration is open for media rights holders and non-media rights holders, written press and photographers, as well as writers and photographers working for publications and/or websites of National Olympic Committees (NOCs) and International Federations.

NOC press attachés will be accredited as NOC E and should follow the NOC accreditation process. Only bona fide press attachés working in that role for their NOC can receive an NOC E press attaché accreditation, and these accreditations should not be allocated to any other person working in another role.

Please also note that photographers working for NOCs at the Winter YOG Gangwon 2024 should not be accredited as NOC E. Writers and photographers working for NOCs should apply for an “E” press accreditation using the above-mentioned Media Registration Portal.



**Please note that no Youth Olympic Accreditation Cards (YOAC) will be issued or delivered prior to the YOG.** Media representatives will pick up their YOAC upon arrival in Gangwon at designated accreditation facilities. In order for the YOAC to be issued, the passport/photo ID submitted for the accreditation application must be presented.

### 3) ENTRY VISA

**As the YOAC for the Winter YOG Gangwon 2024 will not serve as a visa and will not be mailed prior to the YOG, it is the responsibility of all media to verify the documents required for entry into the Republic of Korea.**

International media who enter the Republic of Korea for the Gangwon 2024 Games will fall into one of the three categories below, according to the current Korean immigration laws and regulations.

Category	Required Documents	Applicable Countries
Category A	① Valid Passport ② Invitation Letter	Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China P.R. (Hong Kong), China P.R. (Macao), Colombia, Dominica, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Eswatini, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kuwait, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Nauru, Netherlands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Serbia, Romania, Russia, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi



		Arabia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovak, Slovenia, Solomon IS., South Africa, St. Kitts-Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Surinam, Sweden, Switzerland, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, Tonga, Trinidad-Tobago, Tunisia, Türkiye, Tuvalu, U.A.E, UK British Citizen (GBR), UK-British Dependent Territories Citizen (GBD), UK-British National Overseas (GBN), UK-British Protected Person (GBP), UK-British Subject (GBS), United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela.
Category B	① Valid Passport ② Invitation Letter ③ Visa	Azerbaijan, Belarus, China, Georgia, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Philippines, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan.
Category C	① Valid Passport ② Invitation Letter ③ Visa Application Form	Armenia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova.

\* Valid passport: the expiration date must be valid at least until the date you return to your home country. We recommend checking the expiry date of your passport in case there are any changes to your travel schedule.

\*\* Applicable countries: if your country is not listed in the above chart, please contact the Gangwon 2024 accreditation team at [accreditation@gangwon2024.org](mailto:accreditation@gangwon2024.org).

The Gangwon 2024 Organising Committee will send invitation letters via email in November 2023.

For detailed information on accreditations and visas, please refer to the [Media Accreditation Guide via the Media Registration Portal](#).

#### 4) ACCOMMODATION

Gangwon 2024 has pre-selected some hotels for the media. These hotels are located in the clusters of Gangneung, PyeongChang, Jeongseon, and Hoengseong, all of which are YOG host cities. Media hotels are in close proximity to the Youth Olympic Villages and competition venues. The Common Shuttle Service (CSS) will be provided at all official accommodation.



The media will be able to book their rooms via the Accommodation Management System (AMS), which is now open for bookings until 14 October 2023. To request access to the AMS, please email HANJIN Travel at [acm\\_gw2024@kaltour.com](mailto:acm_gw2024@kaltour.com). The AMS portal will be re-opened on 20 November until 20 December 2023.

For detailed information on accommodation, please refer to the [Accommodation Guide](#).

## 5) TRANSPORT

### Arrivals and Departures

The official port of entry for the YOG is Incheon International Airport, where arrival and departure desks will be in operation.

Accredited media can use shuttle bus services running between the official airport and the media hotels from 13 January to 3 February 2024. Passport information and invitation letters will be used for identity verification in order to allow the media to use the Gangwon 2024 transport services until accreditation collection.

Accredited media in need of arrival and departure services will need to submit their arrival and departure data in advance via the Media Registration Portal.

### Transport

Accredited media can use Gangwon 2024 transport services.

The Common Shuttle Service (CSS) operated by Gangwon 2024 will be a shared bus service connecting all Games venues, including media hotels and the Main Media Centre (MMC).

From 13 January to 3 February 2024, access to public transport will be free of charge upon presentation of a YOAC. Access to free public transport will be limited to the four host cities of the Games: Gangneung, PyeongChang, Jeongseon and Hoengseong.



## 6) MEDIA FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Media facilities and services will be provided at every competition venue.

### Main Media Centre (MMC)

The Main Media Centre (MMC) is located at the E-Zen Experience Training Centre, in close proximity to the Gangneung Olympic Park, where the ice sports competition venues and the Main Accreditation Centre are situated.

The MMC is divided into the Main Press Area (MPA) and the International Broadcasting Centre (IBC). The MPA will be in operation from 17 January to 1 February 2024.

The International Broadcasting Centre (IBC) will occupy separate areas inside the MMC, accommodating Olympic Broadcasting Services (OBS) – the host broadcaster for Gangwon 2024 – Olympic Channel Services (OCS) and Media Rights-Holder (MRH) personnel. It will serve as the main hub for the broadcast operation.

### Media Facilities in Competition Venues

- Media Workroom
- Mixed Zone
- Camera Position
- Photo Position
- Accredited Stand

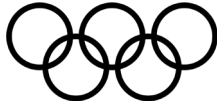
## 7) SCHEDULE OF IOC MEDIA EVENTS

Media events are currently planned as follows, and remain subject to change:

Date	Event
18 January	IOC Executive Board press conference
19 January	Joint IOC-Gangwon 2024 Opening Press Conference
25 January	Joint IOC-Gangwon 2024 Midway Press Conference
1 February	Joint IOC-Gangwon 2024 Closing Press Conference

Interview opportunities with IOC and Gangwon 2024 representatives will be available upon request on-site. All requests are to be handled via the IOC Press Office ([pressoffice@olympic.org](mailto:pressoffice@olympic.org)).

## 8) OLYMPIC INFORMATION SERVICE



The Olympic Information Service (OIS) is a professional sports reporting and information service designed to create the best possible coverage of the Youth Olympic Games Gangwon 2024.

The OIS text coverage will include detailed sports reports on the competitions, feature stories on the young and emerging athletes, and articles focusing on cultural and educational initiatives at the YOG.

The reports by the OIS reporters will be published on a dedicated page of the Gangwon 2024 official website ([olympics.com/ois](https://olympics.com/ois)) and will be available license-free for republishing and distribution for editorial purposes by the media, NOCs, IFs, National Federations, etc.

OIS Photo is a professional sports photography service designed to capture the best moments of the YOG Gangwon 2024 and share them with a global audience. All photos produced by the OIS photo team will be made available license-free via [www.oisphotos.com](https://www.oisphotos.com) to the media worldwide, as well as to the NOCs, IFs and the athletes.

OIS will be in production from 19 January 2024 until the day of the Closing Ceremony.

## 9) RESOURCES

### Website

<https://www.gangwon2024.com>

### Photos

IOC Media Flickr: [IOC MEDIA | Flickr](#)

Email: [images@olympic.org](mailto:images@olympic.org)

### Videos

YouTube: <https://youtube.com/gangwon2024>

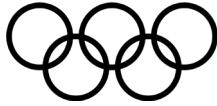
### Broadcast-quality footage

Video News Releases (VNRs) will be published on the [IOC Newsroom](#) platform during the YOG. The content made available will include sports action, interviews and medal ceremonies of all the Gangwon 2024 gold medallists. In order to download this content and receive notifications when it becomes available, [please register here](#).

### Social media

#### Gangwon 2024

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/gangwon2024>



Twitter: <https://twitter.com/gangwon2024>  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gangwon2024>  
Naver blog: <https://blog.naver.com/gangwon2024>  
Kakaotalk: [https://pf.kakao.com/\\_xiDafs](https://pf.kakao.com/_xiDafs)

### **IOC**

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/olympics>  
Twitter  
<https://twitter.com/Olympics> (EN) / <https://twitter.com/JeuxOlympiques> (FR) /  
<https://twitter.com/JuegosOlimpicos> (ES) / <https://twitter.com/Olympic> (KO) /  
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<vk.com/olympics>  
Weibo  
Weibo: <https://weibo.com/olympics>  
Douyin, Kuaishou, Bilibili, WeChat Official Account & Channel: 奥林匹克运动会

## **10) KEY CONTACTS**

### **IOC Media Relations/Press Office**

Email: [pressoffice@olympic.org](mailto:pressoffice@olympic.org)

### **IOC Media Operations**

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### **Gangwon 2024 Media Operations**

Email: [mediaops@gangwon2024.org](mailto:mediaops@gangwon2024.org)

### **Olympic Broadcasting Services**

Email: [OBSinfo@obs.tv](mailto:OBSinfo@obs.tv)