

## 23rd Winter Olympics held Feb. 9-25



Alpine Skiing

Biathlon

Bobsleigh

Cross-Country Skiing

Curling

Figure Skating

Freestyle Skiing

Ice Hockey

Luge

Nordic Combined

The XXIII Olympic Winter Games will be held February 9-25, 2018 in PyeongChang, Gangwon Province, the Republic of Korea. Located in East Asia, this democratic republic is surrounded by the ocean on three sides and 70% of the entire country is made up of mountains.

Male and female athletes from 91 nations will compete for a record 102 gold medals across 7 sports and 15 disciplines. Four of these disciplines are just being introduced: Big Air Snowboarding, Mixed Doubles Curling, Mass Start Speed Skating and Mixed Team Alpine Skiing. The nations of Ecuador, Eritrea, Kosovo, Malaysia, Nigeria and Singapore will be making their Winter Olympic debut.

As the first event to officially open the Olympic Games, The PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Torch Relay invites people to join in and introduces Korea's rich culture and various tourist attractions along the 2,018km Torch Relay route. The 101-day marathon journey around the country began November 1, 2017 and will see 7,500 torchbearers journey by land, sea and air across 8 cities and 9 provinces to let everyone shine anytime and anywhere. For more information visit [www.pyeongchang2018.com](http://www.pyeongchang2018.com)

### Official Mascot "Soohorang"

The trustworthy white tiger, mascot for the Olympic Winter Games in 2018, has been long considered Korea's guardian animal. The white tiger is a symbol of strength and trust. Many locals feel that the Korean peninsula resembles the animal in shape.

"Sooho," meaning protection in Korean, symbolizes protection offered to the athletes, spectators and other participants in the 2018 Games. "Rang" comes from the middle letter of "Ho-rang-i," the Korean word for "Tiger," and is also the last letter of "Jeong-seon A-ri-rang," a cherished traditional folk song of Gangwon Province, where the Games will be held.

### Olympic Emblem Meanings

The official emblem for 2018 Winter Olympics is a stylized representation of the Hangeul letters P and Ch, the initial sounds of Pyeongchang. They also represent the Korean philosophical triad of heaven, earth and humanity. The star shape is a symbol for a crystal of ice.

The international Olympic emblem, made of five interlocking colored rings, represents the five participating continents: Africa, Asia, America, Australia and Europe. With the white background as the sixth color, the symbol of the Olympic games reproduces the colors of every country.



PyeongChang 2018

Short Track  
Speed Skating

Skeleton

Ski Jumping

Snowboard

Speed  
Skating