

Dream Program 2016
APPLICATION GUIDE



GANGWON PROVINCE
REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Dream Program 2016

Gangwon Province, Republic of Korea

Jan. 17th - Jan. 29th, 2016

I. WHAT IS DREAM PROGRAM?

Dream Program is an annual training camp hosted by Gangwon Province to nurture young winter sports talents in countries without a winter season or where winter sports are not widely practiced.

Being launched in 2004 and celebrated its 12th program this January, Dream Program has invited 1,574 young people from 75 different countries to participate in winter sports training, along with various cultural experiences. Among them, we are proud to announce that 166 youths have competed in winter sports events at the international level.

The international sports communities, including the IOC, have recognized the contribution of Dream Program to the shared growth of global winter sports and promotion of friendship through sports, which led Gangwon Province to realize its dream to host the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in PyeongChang.

In winning the bid to host the Olympic Games in 2011 as a corner stone, "Winter Sports Academy" was started with the hope to provide a stage for more advanced training for more young people and to be a stepping stone for these promising youths to pursue their dreams as winter sports athletes.

In 2016, in continuing to manage "Winter Sports Academy", we will try to provide customized high-quality training to every participant. We will also prepare various recreational activities and tour programs which enable participants to have fun with other youths from different countries.

The Dream Program of Gangwon Province will constantly support NOC/NPCs to develop winter sports athletes who have the desire to compete in the winter sports world.



II. DREAM PROGRAM 2015 – OVERVIEW

1. Dates: January 17 – January 29, 2016
2. Venues: PyeongChang and Gangnueng, Gangwon Province
3. Participants : About 190 athletes and coaches
4. Contents
 - A. **Winter Sports Academy(Winter sports training)**
 - Dates: Jan. 20 – 22 and Jan. 25 – 28 (7 days)
 - Categories: 2
 - **Development Course:** winter sports athlete nurturing
 - **Interest-building Course:** winter sports fan nurturing
 - Sports: 7
 - Alpine skiing, Snowboarding, Cross-country, Para-alpine skiing
 - Biathlon
 - Short-track speed skating, Figure skating
 - B. **PyeongChang 2018 Olympic and Paralympic Facilities Tour**
 - Ski Jumping, Cross-country, Alpine skiing, Biathlon, Sliding sports
 - C. **Cultural exchanges**
 - Gangwon-do and Seoul tours
 - Korean culture experiences
 - Welcoming and farewell parties
5. Host: Gangwon Province



*** Photos of Dream Program 2015*

6. Basic schedule

Jan 17	Arrival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arrival (welcome at the airport) ▪ Transport to PyeongChang ▪ Accreditation
Jan 18	Orientation & Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Orientation ▪ Welcoming Ceremony
Jan 19	Olympic Venue Tour & Gangwon tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2018 PyeongChang Olympic venues tour ▪ Gangwon tour
Jan 20 - Jan 22	Winter Sports Academy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Snow sports : PyeongChang ▪ Ice sports : Gangneung ▪ Recreational activities in the evening
Jan 23 - Jan 24	Seoul Tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seoul Tour
Jan 25 - Jan 27	Winter Sports Academy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Snow sports : PyeongChang ▪ Ice sports : Gangneung ▪ Recreational activities in the evening
Jan 28	Winter Sports Academy & Farewell Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Friendly Match ▪ Farewell party
Jan 29	Departure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Departure (farewell at the airport)

** The schedule is subject to change



III. APPLICATION & ADMISSION

<Application Procedure >

Gangwon Province (Host)

→ Korea Paralympic Committee (Application distribution)

→ NPCs in each country (Applicants recommendation)

→ Korea Paralympic Committee (Participants selection and notification)

A. Application

1. **Number of applicants** : maximum **4 persons** from each country/NPC

* 2 coaches/guardians and 2 youths

2. **Qualifications**

a. Youth

	Development Course	Interest-building Course
Age	13– 21 (born Jan. 1995 - Dec. 2003)	
Priority	- Active athletes in winter sports - Active athletes in any other sports who want to change into winter sports - Youths who want to become winter sports athletes	- Youths who are interested in winter sports and want to continue supporting winter sports in the future

b. Coach(Guardian)

1) Currently registered in each NPC and involved in related sports as a coach

2) Person responsible for leading and guiding youths from each country

* Parents and relatives of youths are not recommended.

* English speakers are recommended for communication efficiency.

* It is recommended that coaches and youths participate in the same sport.

C. New participants will be preferred to be selected who have no experience with Dream Program

3. **Application forms**

a. **Document 1: Application Summary(per country/NPC)**

b. **Document 2: Application (per person)**

c. **Document 3: Passport copy (per person)**

* Application forms are available to download at www.dreamprogram.co.kr.

4. **Submission** : Korea Paralympic Committee

5. **Deadline**: November 20, 2015

6. Inviting countries

Category	Countries
Asia & Pacific (26)	Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, Fiji, Hongkong, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Sri-Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, North Korea, Korea
Africa & Middle East (29)	Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Cameroon, Congo(Democratic Rep), Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Iran, Iraq, Kenya, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Qatar, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Syria, Tanzania ,Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Zimbabwe
America (17)	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Rep, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela
Europe	Serbia, Ukraine

※ *Inviting countries will be selected by the Korea Paralympic Committee*

7. Notifications

- No applications will be accepted after the deadline.
- If any part of the submitted documents is not complete, the application will not be accepted.
- As Dream Program is recognized in the sports world, applications are increasing every year. So, “application” does not mean “participation.” Thank you for your kind understanding.
- Daily schedules and the number of participants are subject to change.

B. Admission

- Participants : **About 16 athletes and 16 coaches/guardians**
- Criteria : Selection by “Qualifications” above

※ *If the number of applications exceeds the limit of participants,*

- Intermediate and higher level athletes are preferable;
- Athletes with lower priority in the list may not be invited;
- Athletes who participated in the Dream Program in the past may not be invited;
- Countries that participated more than 7 times may not be invited;
- Early applications will be given priority.

PLEASE BE INFORMED:

Participants must submit a copy of “**accident insurance**” before arriving in Korea. The insurance should cover injuries, diseases, damages over the coverage of the host’s event insurance and post-treatment at home for any disease or injuries that may occur during the event. **(Treatment during the event will be covered by the host.)**

It is recommended that the proper party in each country who is responsible for sending participants, such as the NPC or sport organization, arranges group insurance.



IV. APPLICATION GUIDELINES

1. Application Summary

A. List of Applicants

- Please list the athletes in priority order.

B. Main Contact

- Please provide the main contact information for your country. The main contact may be an applying coach, staff in your NPC. Whoever the person is, he/she should be able to contact the host and other applicants easily.
- The person will be contacted to obtain any missing information in your application and to distribute necessary information, including various notices and flight tickets.

2. Application

A. Personal Information

① Name

- Family & given names must be identical with those on your passport.
- **Please attach a photocopy of your passport.**
- Check names are spelled correctly to avoid any problems in arrival/departure procedures.

② Date of birth should fall between January 1, 1995 and December 31, 2003.

③ Passport No. and Expiry

- Passport information is necessary to arrange your flights and immigration.
- Please check the expiry date of your passport in advance. It is recommended to have at least 6 months remaining before the expiration when you travel abroad.

④ Contact Info

- **Address:** The information is gathered to distribute result booklets and CDs after the event, as well as to contact you to obtain necessary information. Please provide current and complete information for mailing, and if there is a change of address, please inform us.
- **E-mail:** Please provide an accurate e-mail address for delivering participation guidelines, flight tickets, etc. If youths have no e-mail address, please provide that of a coach or a parent.
- **Emergency contact:** This is to secure contact information for any potential emergency situation during your participation. Family members or organization officials are most preferred.
- **Departing city/airport:** Please advise which city/airport you will depart from when traveling to Korea.

⑤ Sports

- First, you should choose one of the two categories: Development and Interest-building.
 - **Development course** will focus on training and performance improvement. It is for those who want to continue practicing winter sports in the future, whether you are already active in winter sports; practicing summer sports but want to change into winter sports; or want to start winter sports training.
 - **Interest-building course** will focus on experiencing various winter sports. Only beginners are recommended to apply to this course.



- Second, you should choose just one sport in the category you have chosen.
- Please select your level in the sport you choose to train in.
 - Training programs are operated in accordance with participants' level.
 - If you have a lot of experience in the sport and have participated in any domestic or international competition, please check "Advanced"; if you think you have some experience, choose "Intermediate"; if you are new to skiing or skating, you are a "Beginner".
- If you are currently an active athlete or a coach regardless of sport, please share your experience and inform us which organization you are registered with.
- Usually, professional skaters use their own skates. If you are not a beginner, please bring your skating shoes. If you do not have skates, rental skates can be provided but they will not be for professional skaters.

⑥ Language

- Please inform us of your first language and languages you can use for the interpretation and volunteer service. If your native language is not English, French, or Spanish, please check how well you understand those languages.

B. Physical Information

- Please fill out accurately for uniforms and training supplies.
- Please specify measuring units if you do not use the units we provide. (e.g. inches, feet, etc. in height, waist, footwear; and UK, US, European, inches, etc. in clothes).

C. Health Information

- This form must be signed by a medical care provider, such as doctor, nurse, or other caregiver deemed appropriate.
- Give details of your health conditions, dietary needs for allergic or religious reasons, and wherever special care is necessary.
- Applicants who have health issues that may cause them problems in group activities may not be invited. For the injuries and diseases that may occur during the event by failing to notify of pre-existing health problems, the host will not take any responsibility.

D. Cover Letter

- Please introduce yourself briefly, focusing on sporting experiences, and if you are a current athlete, let us know your future plan with the sport.
- Please write the cover letter in English, if possible.

E. Agreement

- This is to ensure a successful organization of the event and to avoid disputes or conflicts that may occur. Without signing the agreement, any person will not be able to participate in Dream Program.



V. Additional Information

1. Support by the host

- Round-trip flight tickets
 - Between the main airport of your capital city and Incheon Intl. Airport in Korea
- Accommodation, meals, and ground transportation during your stay
- Uniforms (ski jacket, pants, beanie, gloves, socks, t-shirt : one of each)
 - Additional items including shoes, clothes, and socks that are comfortable and protect against cold weather should be prepared by participants.
- Equipment and Instructors for sports training
 - Skates to be provided are not for professional skaters. Athletes for short-track and figure skating should bring their own skates for training.
- Volunteer support in living, training, and interpretation

2. Flight tickets

- As soon as your participation is confirmed, flight tickets will be arranged.
- Travel itinerary is at the host's discretion and flight tickets cannot be changed from the fixed schedule and class.

3. Entry Visa

- Please be informed that participants may need a visa to enter the Republic of Korea. It is advisable to contact the closest Korean Embassy or Consulate to confirm required travel documents.

4. Transit Visa

- If you have to transfer in Europe or in the US on the way to and from Korea, you may need to obtain a transit visa before departing your country. Please check the visa requirement in advance. Each participant is responsible for his/her own transit visa.

5. Invitation Letter

- The Invitation letter will be sent to the contact person in your country, after your participation is confirmed, to help obtain the entry visa or permission for school leave. If you need one in another form, please feel free to contact us at any time.

6. Contact for More Information

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