

FOREWORD

"Our Olympians are very young, prospective and great hopes of Croatian winter sports in the future. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to feel the exceptional spirit of Olympics and Olympism. We wish them to do their best, not to be burdened with pressures, but to see this performance as a kind of preparation for Beijing 2022."



Dr. Zlatko Mateša,
President of the Croatian Olympic Committee

"With twenty Olympians in Pyeongchang, the Croatian athletes have almost reached a record number of 24 representatives from Winter Olympics in Turin in 2006. I believe that with their performances, in line with experience and opportunities, they will justify the Olympian status and gain new impetus for continuance of the career."



Josip Čop,
Secretary General of the Croatian Olympic Committee

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OVERVIEW OF CROATIAN ATHLETES' PERFORMANCE AT THE WINTER OLYMPICS TO DATE

MEDALS BY WINTER GAMES

GAMES	ATHLETES	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL	RANK
1992 Albertville (France)	4	0	0	0	0	-
1994 Lillehammer (Norway)	3	0	0	0	0	-
1998 Nagano (Japan)	6	0	0	0	0	-
2002 Salt Lake City (USA)	14	3	1	0	4	12
2006 Turin (Italy)	22	1	2	0	3	16
2010 Vancouver (Canada)	19	0	2	1	3	21
2014 Sochi (Russia)	11	0	1	0	1	25
Total	79	4	6	1	11	27

FLAG BEARERS:

XVI OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES ALBERTVILLE 1992

At the Opening Ceremony: Tomislav Čižmešija
At the Closing Ceremony: Siniša Vuković

XVII OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES LILLEHAMMER 1994

At the Opening Ceremony: Vedran Pavlek
At the Closing Ceremony: Vedran Pavlek

XVIII OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES NAGANO 1998

At the Opening Ceremony: Janica Kostelić
At the Closing Ceremony: Vedran Pavlek

XIX OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES SALT LAKE CITY 2002

At the Opening Ceremony: Janica Kostelić
At the Closing Ceremony: Ivan Šola

XX OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES TURIN 2006

At the Opening Ceremony: Janica Kostelić
At the Closing Ceremony: Ivan Šola

XXI OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES VANCOUVER 2010

At the Opening Ceremony: Jakov Fak
At the Closing Ceremony: Ivan Šola

XXII OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES SOCHI 2014

At the Opening Ceremony: Ivica Kostelić
At the Closing Ceremony: Vedrana Malec

LIST OF MEDALISTS

MEDAL	NAME	GAMES	SPORT	EVENT
Gold	Janica Kostelić	2002 Salt Lake City	Alpine skiing	Women's combined
Gold	Janica Kostelić	2002 Salt Lake City	Alpine skiing	Women's giant slalom
Gold	Janica Kostelić	2002 Salt Lake City	Alpine skiing	Women's slalom
Silver	Janica Kostelić	2002 Salt Lake City	Alpine skiing	Women's super-G
Gold	Janica Kostelić	2006 Turin	Alpine skiing	Women's combined
Silver	Janica Kostelić	2006 Turin	Alpine skiing	Women's super-G
Silver	Ivica Kostelić	2006 Turin	Alpine skiing	Men's combined
Silver	Ivica Kostelić	2010 Vancouver	Alpine skiing	Men's combined
Silver	Ivica Kostelić	2010 Vancouver	Alpine skiing	Men's slalom
Bronze	Jakov Fak	2010 Vancouver	Biathlon	Men's sprint
Silver	Ivica Kostelić	2014 Sochi	Alpine skiing	Men's combined

MEDALS BY WINTER SPORTS

SPORT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
Alpine skiing	4	6	0	10
Biathlon	0	0	1	1
Total	4	6	1	11

ABOUT CROATIA

Area: 56 594 km²
Population: 4 292 000
Capital city: Zagreb
Most populous cities: Zagreb (690 000)
Split (167 000)
Rijeka (124 000)
Osijek (84 000)



President: Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović
Prime Minister: Andrej Plenković

GDP per capita: 12 863 USD

Ethnic groups:
Croats 90.4%, Serbs 4.4%, other 4.4%, unspecified 0.8%

Religions: Roman Catholic 86.3%, Orthodox 4.4%, Muslim 1.5%, other 1.5%, unspecified 2.5%, not religious or atheist 3.8%

Croatian settlement: 6th-7th century
Duchy: 7th century
Kingdom: 925

Personal union with Hungary: 1102
Joined the Habsburg Monarchy: 1 January 1527
Secession from the Austria-Hungary Empire: 29 October 1918
Formation of Yugoslavia: 4 December 1918
Resolution on independence: 25 June 1991
Joined the European Union: 1 July 2013



Jakov Fak



Janica Kostelić



Ivica Kostelić

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CROATIAN OLYMPIC DELEGATION

WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES
Pyeongchang 2018
(9th - 25th February 2018)

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**Pyeongchang 2018
mascot Soohorang**

ALPINE SKIING

**NATKO ZRNČIĆ DIM**

Date & Place of birth: 7 March 1986 (Zagreb)
Fourth performance at the Winter Olympics
(Turin 2006, Vancouver 2010, Sochi 2014)

Winter Olympics' best result
Super combined - 10th place (Sochi 2014)

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

World Championships: Val d'Isère 2009 - bronze (super combined)
World Cup: Val d'Isère 2008 - 3rd place (super combined), Kitzbühel
2009 - 3rd place (combined), Beaver Creek 2009 - 3rd place (super
combined), Chamonix 2011 - 2nd place (super combined), Wengen
2014 - 3rd place (super combined)

*Flag Bearer at the
Winter Olympic
Games
Pyeongchang
2018*

**ISTOK RODEŠ**

Date & Place of birth:
27 January 1996
(Varaždin)

First performance
at the Winter Olympics

World Junior Ski
Championships in Sochi
2016 - **gold** (slalom),
bronze (combined)

**FILIP ZUBČIĆ**

Date & Place of birth:
27 January 1993
(Zagreb)

Second performance
at the Winter Olympics
(Sochi 2014)

**MATEJ VIDOVIĆ**

Date & Place of birth:
14 April 1993
(Zagreb)

Second performance
at the Winter
Olympics (Sochi 2014)

**ELIAS KOLEGA**

Date & Place of birth:
23 May 1996
(Munich, Germany)

First performance
at the Winter Olympics

World Junior Ski
Championships in Sochi
2016 - **bronze** (slalom)

**SAMUEL KOLEGA**

Date & Place of birth:
15 January 1999
(Ulm, Germany)

First performance
at the Winter Olympics

ALPINE SKIING

**LEONA POPOVIĆ**

Date & Place of birth:
13 November 1997
(Rijeka)

First performance
at the Winter Olympics

**LANA ZBAŠNIK**

Date & Place of birth:
13 July 1999
(Rijeka)

First performance
at the Winter Olympics

**ANDREA KOMŠIĆ**

Date & Place of birth:
4 May 1996 (Kiseljak,
Bosnia & Herzegovina)

Second performance
at the Winter
Olympics (Sochi 2014)

**IDA ŠTIMAC**

Date & Place of birth:
13 May 2000
(Rijeka)

First performance
at the Winter Olympics

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Vedran PAVLEK

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Zoran PRŠO

COACH

Goran RAČKI

ASSISTANT COACH

Mario RODEŠ

SKI SERVICEMAN

Vjekoslav RUŽIĆ

COACH/ SKI SERVICEMAN

Marko ŠUMAN

ASSISTANT COACH

Matilda ŠOLA

COACH

Antonio TROŠELJ

COACH/ SKI SERVICEMAN

Goran VIDOVIĆ

COACH/ SKI SERVICEMAN

Slaviša WEINER

ASSISTANT COACH

Tomislav ZUBČIĆ

BOBSLEIGH

**MATE MEZULIĆ**

Date & Place of birth:
15 July 1981
(Pula)

Second performance
at the Winter Olympics
(Vancouver 2010)

**ANTONIO
ZELIĆ**

Date & Place of birth:
5 June 1994
(Knin)

First performance
at the Winter Olympics

**ĐULJANO
KOLUDRA**

Date & Place of birth:
24 January 1974
(Split)

Second performance
at the Winter Olympics
(Salt Lake City 2002)

**DRAŽEN SILIĆ**

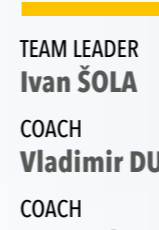
Date & Place of birth:
25 May 1985
(Pula)

First performance
at the Winter Olympics

**BENEDIKT
NIKPALJ**

Date & Place of birth:
6 September 1993
(Zadar)

First performance
at the Winter Olympics

**TEAM LEADER
Ivan ŠOLA**

COACH

Vladimir DUGANŽIĆ

COACH

Ivo Smrke

CROSS COUNTRY

**EDI DADIĆ**

Date & Place of birth:
22 December 1993
(Rijeka)

Second performance
at the Winter Olympics
(Sochi 2014)

**VEDRANA MALEC**

Date & Place of birth:
24 March 1990
(Zagreb)

Second performance
at the Winter Olympics
(Sochi 2014)

**KREŠIMIR
CRNKOVIĆ**

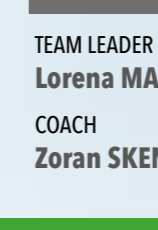
Date & Place of birth:
4 January 1995
(Rijeka)

First performance
at the Winter Olympics

**GABRIJELA
SKENDER**

Date & Place of birth:
7 October 1999
(Rijeka)

First performance
at the Winter Olympics

**TEAM LEADER**

Lorena MALEC MLINARIĆ

COACH

Zoran SKENDER

LUGE

**DARIA OBRATOV**

Date & Place of birth:
12 December 1989
(Split)

First performance
at the Winter Olympics

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