

BIOGRAPHY

Short track speed skater Yang Yang was China's first ever Olympic Winter Games gold medalist when she won the women's 500 m short track at the Salt Lake City 2002 Olympic Winter Games. She also won gold in the 1000 m event at the same Games.

Yang has won a total of five Olympic medals, including an additional silver in Salt Lake City, a silver in Nagano and a bronze in Torino. She will be competing in her fourth Olympic Games. Yang has also won an incredible 59 world titles throughout her professional career.

When she's not competing, Yang is a television anchor for Olympic China, a weekly TV program broadcast on Chinese Central Television Channel 4, and will be providing commentary during the 2010 Winter Games. Among many affiliations, she is a member of the Women and Sport Committee of the International Olympic Committee, a committee member of the World Anti Doping Agency, and a founding member of the Chinese Athlete Education Foundation.