

OFFICIAL INVITATION

Dear Freeski Nations,

We are delighted to invite all nations to the 100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games Freeski events which will be held from the 14 - 20 August 2011 at Cardrona Alpine Resort and Snow Park NZ, Wanaka, New Zealand. There are no entry fees for these events.

We are delighted to announce that the Air New Zealand Slopestyle, Halfpipe and Big Air competitions will all be dually sanctioned at FIS Continental Cup and AFP Silver level. This will be the first FIS sanctioned Freeski Big Air in the world.

100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games is one of the world's most exciting new events combining snow and ice sports, international elite competition and social festivities. The Games will run from the 13 – 28 August in various locations throughout Otago and Canterbury in New Zealand's South Island. Please go to our website www.wintergamesnz.com to download the 100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games 2009 Report.

Cardrona Alpine Resort will be hosting Halfpipe and Big Air events and Snow Park NZ will be hosting the Air New Zealand slopestyle event. Both resorts host world class freestyle terrain parks and are the only two resorts in the Southern Hemisphere with 22ft Olympic size halfpipes.

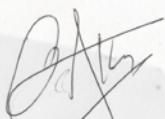
The nearest township to both Cardrona and Snow Park NZ is Wanaka which is 34km; a 35 minute drive. We recommend you fly into Queenstown, which is 50km; a 50 minute drive from Wanaka.

Entries for Air New Zealand Slopestyle, Halfpipe and Big Air will be open on 20th April 2011. Please find the Athlete and Team registration information below.

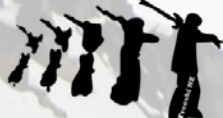
If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Iona Sanders, Freeski Manager on iona@wintergamesnz.com or go to www.wintergamesnz.com.

We look forward to welcoming you to New Zealand.

Kind Regards,



Arthur Klap
Chief Executive Winter Games NZ



Event information

Dates

The dates of 100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games are from 13 - 28 August 2011. The dates for the Air New Zealand Slopestyle, Halfpipe and Big Air are:

- 14 August: Air New Zealand Slopestyle Training Day @ Snow Park NZ
- 15 August: Air New Zealand Slopestyle Competition Day @ Snow Park NZ
- 16 August: Halfpipe Training Day @ Cardrona Alpine Resort
- 17 August: Halfpipe Competition Day @ Cardrona Alpine Resort
- 19 August: Big Air Training Day @ Cardrona Alpine Resort
- 20 August: Big Air Competition Day @ Cardrona Alpine Resort



AIR NEW ZEALAND

Event Fee

There are no event fees for Winter Games NZ. Provided will be:

- One day of competition and one official training day per event.
- Lift passes for competitors on competition and official training days
- Award Ceremonies and Winter Games NZ medals

Entry and Registration:

Entries will be accepted in accordance with the FIS quotas and rules for the ANC Continental Cup. All entries for the Air New Zealand Slopestyle, Halfpipe and Big Air must go through our online registration system. The main purpose of this online system is to replace the manual process of submitting paper-based entry forms by fax or email to the event.

The information you are required to enter is the same as on the FIS forms that would usually be submitted and you can print a copy for your own records. The team link will be provided in an email to the National Sport Associations. If your NSA has not received this please contact iona@wintergamesnz.com. We will also be accepting entries from individual athletes who choose to enter themselves through the Athlete Registration System. All athletes require a valid FIS license.

The Registration process works as follows:

TEAM ENTRIES:

1. Click on the link provided by email to National Sports Associations
2. Create a user account for the online system.
3. Once activated you can create teams and add athletes and officials. After you submit a team, you can log back in and edit your team. You can add or remove athletes, edit athletes and officials at any time until registration closes. It will automatically update on our system.
4. To get confirmation of your entry emailed to you, click the button "Send Teamlist as PDF".
5. Encourage your team riders to submit their athlete biographies at www.wintergamesnz.com/accounts/register/

INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES:

1. Enter online at www.wintergamesnz.com/accounts/register/
- This system will also collect the athlete biography, so please supply as much information as possible. If you have any questions in relation to the online registration system, please contact raceoffice@eim-solutions.com.

Athlete Bios

The Winter Games NZ event organisers are aiming to promote the athletes, the event and the sport to a worldwide audience. To promote the athletes we require a profile for each competing athlete. The profile information will be used by our media and communication team to supply announcers, journalists and other media representatives. The information will also be used for the commentator information packs, for the information systems as well as in live-to-web communication on the website, mobile site and iPhone application.

We would like to encourage you to use this opportunity and support us in our efforts to profile the athletes.

Deadlines for Team Entries:

Announcement of team size: 15th July 2011

Definitive registration: 1st August 2011 (5pm NZE time)

Accreditation

Winter Games NZ accreditation for teams is open daily from Wednesday August 10th, 2011 from 09:00 to 19:00 at the Lake Wanaka Centre, 89 Ardmore Street, Wanaka.

Team Captains' Meetings

Team captains' meetings and bib draw will take place in the Lake Wanaka Centre. The first team captain's meetings will take place on:

- Air New Zealand Slopestyle - Saturday 13 August at 5.30pm.
- Halfpipe - Monday 15 August at 5.30pm.
- Big Air - Thursday 18 August at 6.30pm.

Bibs and lift passes

Winter Games NZ will provide lift passes for competitors on official training and competition days. Half price tickets can be purchased for athletes on non-competition/official training days at Cardrona Alpine Resort from 13 - 28 August 2011 inclusive (Winter Games NZ accreditation will be required to purchase discounted tickets).

Training and competition bibs will be allocated at the team captains meetings. A bib deposit of \$100 per team will be required. It is mandatory that all competitors wear their bibs during all official training, competition and award ceremonies.

Training Advice

For training information and rates at Cardrona Alpine Resort please contact Bridget Legnavsky on bridget@cardrona.com and at Snow Park NZ please email ticketing@snowparknz.com.

Media

If you are planning to bring any media with you, please note they must be accredited by the Winter Games NZ media office. Please contact media manager Victoria Murray-Orr directly on +64 (0)3 443 2700 or Victoria@wintergamesnz.com for any questions and for an accreditation form. Please note this form must be completed by 29th July 2011.

Official Website

We will place the latest news and updates on the official 100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games website www.wintergamesnz.com including updated athlete and team information for each sport. We will also post the official results here so friends and family can view the latest results.

Liability

All athletes, officials and members of the National Associations who attend and participate in the event shall do so at their own risk. Winter Games NZ, sponsors and suppliers, their agents, employees and volunteers shall not be responsible for any losses or injuries incurred or suffered by the athletes, official or other person in conjunction with the organising or staging of the event. Public Liability Insurance of (CHF) 3 million is in place for the period of the event.

If you are injured in New Zealand (including whilst competing in a ski race), you may need the assistance of the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC), New Zealand's accident compensation scheme. ACC helps pay for your care – and that means paying towards the cost of your treatment and helping your recovery while you remain in New Zealand. ACC will not cover any medical or related costs arising from the accident after you leave New Zealand. You will accordingly still need to arrange your own travel and medical insurance. New Zealand's medical facilities are not free to visitors except as a result of an accident but even in the case of an accident, surcharges in private facilities will apply.

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TRAVEL, TRANSPORT & ACCOMMODATION

Car/ Van Transport

We strongly recommend that the teams organise their own transport so you have full control over your own movement up and down the hill.

JUCY is New Zealand's favourite and most trusted rental company. Kiwi owned and operated JUCY can get you zipping around in one of their rides for a few days or touring our beautiful country for a couple of weeks or more. With a range of cars & campas they have something for everyone's budget.

JUCY is stoked to be involved with the Winter Games and has an awesome JUCY Deal for you – 20% discount off any JUCY Ride in New Zealand. Use promo code WINTERGAMES when booking online at www.jucy.co.nz



Accommodation

Accor Hotels are the official 3.5, 4 and 5 star accommodation providers for the Winter Games NZ. For more information and booking details for accommodation in Wanaka and Queenstown please visit our website www.wintergamesnz.com/accommodation.

There are a variety of travel, transport and accommodation options in Wanaka and Queenstown. Please go to www.lakewanaka.co.nz and www.queenstown-nz.co.nz for more information.

Air Travel

We recommend that you book your flights through our official airline, Air New Zealand. Please go to www.airnewzealand.com for online bookings and further information. For special rates on group bookings please contact Lauren Park, Lauren.park@airnz.co.nz quoting Winter Games NZ or call + 64 (09 3362408) We recommend that you fly into Queenstown.



Visas

Visitors from certain countries must have a visitor visa to enter New Zealand. New Zealand has a special policy for athletes, coaches, administrators, officials and support staff visiting the country to participate in sporting events.

Please check on:

www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant/stream/visit/visitors/quickcheck.htm to find out if visitors from your country require a visitor visa to enter New Zealand. Application forms for visitor visas are available on www.immigration.govt.nz or from New Zealand and Australian Consulates, Embassies or High commissions.



We invite all athletes and team managers to attend the 100 % pure New Zealand Winter Games Downtown Sessions in Wanaka, Queenstown, Naseby, Methven and Dunedin from the 13th – 28th of August. Downtown sessions is the Winter Games NZ festival program. The program includes music concerts, downtown rail jams, adventure film festival, comedy roadshow and adventure Sports expo. The downtown awards ceremonies for Snowboard, Freeski and Winter Triathlon events will all take place in Wanaka. They are scheduled for 5pm and will start with a busker style street performance and are followed by live music. For a full program please go to www.wintergamesnz.com/party.

Closing concert

This year's closing Concert in Wanaka on the 28th August 2011 will feature a prominent New Zealand Band, The Black Seeds. Formed in 1998, The Black Seeds quickly developed a reputation as the NZ's ultimate good groove band. The Black Seeds produce a uniquely Pacifica blend of soul, funk, reggae and dub sounds that have cemented the band's position as one of the country's leading live outfits. Tickets will be available online through a link on the Winter Games NZ website www.wintergamesnz.com.

FREESKI PROVISIONAL SCHEDULES

AIR NEW ZEALAND SLOPESTYLE

Saturday 13th August 2011

17.30 Team Captain's Meeting, Lake Wanaka Centre

Sunday 14th August 2011 - Official Training Day at Snow Park NZ

10.00 - 13.00 Slopestyle Official Training Men and Ladies

17.30 Team Captain's Meeting, Lake Wanaka Centre
Bib Draw

Monday 15th August 2011 - Competition Day at Snow Park NZ

08.15 - 12.30 Heats Men and Ladies

13.00 - 13.00 Finals Men and Ladies

17.00 Awards, Downtown Wanaka



HALFPIPE

Monday 15th August 2011

17.30 Team Captain's Meeting, Lake Wanaka Centre

Tuesday 16th August 2011 - Official Training Day at Cardrona Alpine Resort

10.00 - 13.00 Halfpipe Official Training

17.30 Team Captain's Meeting, Lake Wanaka Centre
Bib Draw

Wednesday 17th August 2011 - Competition Day at Cardrona Alpine Resort

08.15 - 12.30 Halfpipe Heats Men and Ladies

13.00 - 15.00 Halfpipe Finals Men and Ladies

17.00 Awards, Downtown Wanaka

BIG AIR

Thursday 18th August 2011

18.30 Team Captain's Meeting, Lake Wanaka Centre

Friday 19th August 2011 - Official Training Day at Cardrona Alpine Resort

10.00 - 13.00 Big Air Official Training Men and Ladies

18.30 Team Captain's Meeting, Lake Wanaka Centre
Bib Draw

Saturday 20th August 2011 - Competition Day at Cardrona Alpine Resort

08.15 - 11.30 Big Air Heats Men and Ladies

12.00 - 14.00 Big Air Finals Men and Ladies

17.00 Awards, Downtown Wanaka

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