



SNOWBOARD AND FREESTYLE SKI HALFPIPE FIS WORLD CUPS

INVITATION

CARDRONA ALPINE RESORT, NEW ZEALAND
AUGUST 20th – 26th 2012

On behalf of Winter Games NZ and Snow Sports New Zealand, we are delighted to invite all nations to the Snowboard and Freestyle Ski Halfpipe FIS World Cups in New Zealand. The events will be hosted at Cardrona Alpine Resort, Wanaka from the 20 – 26th August 2012.

Entries for the Snowboard and Freestyle Ski Halfpipe FIS World Cups will be open on the 15th of May 2012. Please find the athlete and team information listed below.

We look forward to welcoming you to Wanaka, New Zealand.

Kind regards,

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PROGRAMME

19 th August 2012:	Arrival day Freestyle Ski Halfpipe
20 th August 2012:	Official Freestyle Ski Halfpipe Training
21 st August 2012:	Official Freestyle Ski Halfpipe Training
22 nd August 2012:	Freestyle Ski Halfpipe Qualification and Finals Awards ceremony at Cardrona Resort
22 nd August 2012:	Arrival day Snowboard Halfpipe
23 rd August 2012:	Freestyle Ski Weather day
23 rd August 2012:	Official Snowboard Halfpipe Training
**24 th August 2012:	Official Snowboard Halfpipe Training
25 th August 2012:	Snowboard Halfpipe Qualification
26 th August 2012:	Snowboard Halfpipe Semi Finals and Finals Awards Ceremony at Cardrona Resort
27 th August 2012:	Departure day

** If the Freestyle ski weather day is required, then there will be no official Snowboard training on the 23rd.

Registration - Entries

Entries will be accepted in accordance with FIS rules for the World Cups.

The FIS quotas are:

Freestyle Ski: Basic Quota per gender 10. Maximum Team size 20 but no more than 15 per gender. No minimum FIS Points required.

Snowboard: Maximum per country of 5 competitors with up to 3 per gender. Additional spots as calculated by the FIS. No minimum FIS Points.

Deadlines for Team Entries

Please find attached FIS entry forms and send the form to Logistics and Services Manager

Jane Todd Jane@wintergamesnz.com.

Announcement of team size: 24th July 2012

Definitive registration: 14th August 2012

The relevant FIS Entry Forms are attached.

Accreditation

The Event office is open for accreditation and general information from 19th- 26th August 2012 and is located at the Lake Wanaka Centre at 89 Ardmore Street in the centre of Wanaka. Please refer to the opening times in the provisional schedule below.

Team Captain's Meetings

Team Captain's meetings for the Snowboard and Freestyle Ski Halfpipe FIS World Cup will take place at the Lake Wanaka Centre in Wanaka.

The first TC Meeting for Freestyle Ski World Cup Halfpipe is on 19th August 2012 at 5.30pm.

The first TC meeting for Snowboard World Cup Halfpipe is on the 22nd August 2012 at 5.30pm.

Lift passes and Competitor bibs

The LOC will provide lift passes for competitors on official training and competition days. 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/ prize giving ceremonies.

Training Advice

- Cardrona is home to an Olympic sized 22ft Halfpipe. For training information and rates outside the world cup competitions, please contact Bridget Legnavsky on bridget@cardrona.com.
- Snow Park NZ also has a 22ft Half Pipe. For information and training rates, please contact ticketing@snowparknz.com.

Media

If you are planning to bring a media team with you, please note they must be accredited by the Media Office. This applies whether they are editorial press or filming for promotional purposes. Please contact the Media Manager, Nicole Fairweather, directly on +64 (0) 21106 0942 or nicole@evenz.co.nz for any questions or to request an accreditation form. Please note this form must be completed by 5th August 2012.

Anti doping

Doping control testing may be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth by FIS.

Adventure Film Festival 24-26 August

The Winter Games Adventure Film Festival returns to Queenstown from the 24th to the 26th August with a jam-packed programme of spectacular adventure films, carefully selected to inspire and entertain. The films have been hand-picked from the best in the world, and many of them have recently won prizes in renowned film competitions around the globe. These are films that portray a brave new world of adventure, a place of extremes where gravity and speed are toys to be played with. Visit our website www.wintergamesnz.com/adventurefilmfest to find out more information.

Official Website

We will place the latest news and updates on the official 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.

Travel, Transport and Accommodation

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. We recommend that you fly into Queenstown.

For special rates on group bookings of 10 people or more please contact the Air NZ representative from your region.

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Car/Van Transport

We strongly recommend for teams to organise their own transport to ensure full control over movement to and from the resort. JUCY rentals is New Zealand's favorite and most trusted rental company. Use promo code WG2012 when booking online at www.jucy.co.nz to receive 15% discount valid on all JUCY vehicles (cars and campas) in New Zealand.

Book period: 17th May 2012 – 27th August 2012

Travel Period: 10th August 2012 – 2nd September 2012

Pick Up Locations: Valid only for rentals collecting in Christchurch, Dunedin or Queenstown.

Accommodation

We strongly recommend the teams identify and book their own accommodation.

There is a variety of travel, transport and accommodation options in Wanaka. Please go to www.lakewanaka.co.nz for information about Wanaka and accommodation options.

Official World Cup Accommodation Option

As per FIS rules on accommodation and half board (breakfast and dinner), each athlete and team official will pay CHF80 per person per night. A deposit of 50% per person will be required to secure the booking which is to be paid to Winter Games NZ **no later than June 30th 2012**.

If this deposit is not received, no booking will be made.

Balance of payment must be made on the official arrival day by cash or credit card only. Each team will be held responsible for any damage incurred during their stay. Incidentals such as telephone, laundry, internet, etc must be paid by the teams or athletes themselves and a credit card will be required from each team when checking in.

1. Book by emailing jane@wintergamesnz.com indicating numbers requiring accommodation for the nights of
Freestyle skiers: August 19th to August 23rd inclusive only.
Snowboarders: August 22nd to August 26th inclusive only.

An invoice will be sent back to you by return email indicating the amount of deposit to be paid in New Zealand dollars.

2. Bookings and deposit of 50% per person must be made with Winter Games NZ no later than **June 30th** 2011 (NZ time), to ensure availability and to secure the booking.

Visas and Liability

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. If you require a visa invitation from Snow Sports NZ, please contact Claire@snowsports.co.nz.

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 (CHF) 3 million, for the period of the event, is in place. If you are injured in New Zealand (including whilst competing in a ski/ snowboard event), 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.

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

Sunday 19th August, Official Arrival Day – Freestyle Ski HP

15.00 -18.00	Event Office opening hours for registration
17.30	Team Captains Meeting at Lake Wanaka Centre, Wanaka

Monday 20th August, Official Freestyle Ski HP Training Day

15.00 -18.00	Event Office opening hours
08.00	Lifts Open
08.30-10.00	HP Men's training
10.00-11.30	HP Ladies training
17.30	Team Captains Meeting at Lake Wanaka Centre, Wanaka

Tuesday 21st August, Official Freestyle Ski HP Training Day

15.00 -18.00	Event Office opening hours
08.00	Lifts Open
08.30-10.00	HP Men's training
10.00-11.30	HP Ladies training
17.30	Team Captains Meeting at Lake Wanaka Centre, Wanaka Bib draw and start list

Wednesday 22nd August, Freestyle Ski HP Competition Day – Qualification and Finals and Official Arrival day Snowboard HP

15.00 - 18.00	Event Office opening hours
08.00	Lifts open
08.15 – 08.35	Inspection/training H1 Men
08.45 – 09.55	H1 Men
09.55 – 10.15	Inspection/training H2 Men
10.25 – 11.35	H2 Men
11.35 – 11.55	Inspection/training Ladies
12.05 – 13.05	H1 Ladies
13.05 – 13.25	Inspection/training Finals
13.35	Finals Ladies & Men
15.25	Awards Ceremony, Cardrona Court Yard
17.30	Team Captains Meeting at Lake Wanaka Centre, Wanaka (Snowboard)

Thursday 23rd August, Freestyle Ski Weather day and Official Training I Day Snowboard HP**

15.00 -18.00	Event Office opening hours for Snowboard registration
07.30	Lifts Open
08.00-10.00	HP Men's training
10.00-12.00	HP Ladies training
17.30	Team Captains Meeting at Lake Wanaka Centre, Wanaka

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Friday 24th August, Official Snowboard HP Training Day

15.00 -18.00	Event Office opening hours
07.30	Lifts Open
08.00-10.00	HP Men's training
10.00-12.00	HP Ladies training
17.30	Team Captains Meeting at Lake Wanaka Centre, Wanaka Bib draw and start list

Saturday 25th August, Competition Day - Qualification

15.00 - 18.00	Event Office opening hours
07.30	Lifts open
08.00 – 08.35	Training H1 + H2 Men
08.45 – 09.45	H1 + H2 Men
09.55 – 10.25	Training H3 + H4 Men
10.35 – 11.35	H3 + H4 Men
11.45 – 12.15	Training H1 + H2 Ladies
12.25 – 13.25	H1+ H2 Ladies
17.30	Team Captains Meeting at Lake Wanaka Centre, Wanaka

Sunday 26th August, Competition Day – Semi Finals and Finals

15.00 - 18.00	Event Office opening hours
08.30	Lifts open
09.15 - 09.45	Training Semi Finals Men & Ladies
10.00 - 11.00	Semi Finals Men & Ladies
11.10 – 11.30	Training Finals Men & Ladies
12.00 – 13.00	Finals Ladies & Men
13.30 Approx	Awards Ceremony, Cardrona Court Yard

Monday 27th August, Departure day

