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# Halfpipe & Slopestyle

INVITATION

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Dear Snowboard Nations,

We are delighted to invite all Snowboard nations to the FIS Snowboard Slopestyle and Halfpipe World Cups which will take place at Cardrona Alpine Resort, Wanaka, NZ.

The 2015 edition of the Audi quattro Winter Games NZ will take place over an 10 day period from the 21st - 30th August and will feature elite winter sports competitions in Alpine Skiing, Cross Country Skiing, Curling, Freeskiing and Snowboarding taking place at venues across the Otago region of New Zealand's South Island.

Cardrona Alpine Resort is home to a 22ft Olympic Halfpipe and the World Class Slopestyle course. The nearest township is Wanaka (34km, 35 minute drive). The nearest major airport, Queenstown, is 50km (50 minute drive).

Entries for the FIS Snowboard Slopestyle and Halfpipe World Cups are open now through the FIS Website at [www.fis-ski.com](http://www.fis-ski.com). Please find the athlete and team information below. For further information please contact Winter Games NZ Sports Manager, Iona Bentley, on [iona@wintergamesnz.kiwi](mailto:iona@wintergamesnz.kiwi)

We look forward to welcoming you to Wanaka and the Audi quattro Winter Games New Zealand.

Kind regards

Arthur Klap  
**Chief Executive**





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The **4th edition** of the Audi quattro Winter Games NZ will take place over a 11 day period from the 21-30 August 2015 and feature **elite winter sports competitions** in Alpine Skiing, Cross Country Skiing, Curling, **Freeskiing** and Snowboarding.



## Key Dates and Venues

### Dates

The Audi quattro Winter Games NZ officially runs from 21-30 August (though please note that the first training day is Tuesday 18th August).

### Host towns & venues

The event is based across the 3 towns of Queenstown, Wanaka and Naseby in the South Island of New Zealand. The Curling Tournament will take place in the Maniototo Curling Rink in Naseby, the mountain events at Cardrona Alpine Resort (Snowboarding & Snowboarding), Coronet Peak (Alpine Skiing) and Snow Farm NZ (Cross Country Skiing) and the downtown festival events in the Queenstown and Wanaka Event Villages.

### Halfpipe & Slopestyle Venue - Cardrona Alpine Resort

Cardrona is home to the 22ft Olympic Halfpipe and world class Slopestyle and Park facilities.

Provided that the weather behaves itself, the park and pipe at Cardrona should be open by late July, There will be also be training camps late season. For all training information and team pass rates, please contact Graham Dunbar on [events@cardrona.com](mailto:events@cardrona.com).





## Halfpipe & Slopestyle Schedule

### Audi quattro Winter Games NZ Ceremonies

|               |  |                          |
|---------------|--|--------------------------|
| Fri 21st Aug: | Opening Ceremony for the Audi quattro Winter Games NZ, | Coronet Peak, Queenstown |
| Sun 30th Aug  | Closing Ceremony for Audi quattro Winter Games NZ      | Cardrona, Wanaka         |

### FIS Snowboard Slopestyle

|                |                                      |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Tues 18th Aug  | Slopestyle Training (Men & Ladies)   |
| Wed 19th Aug   | Slopestyle Training (Men & Ladies)   |
| Thurs 20th Aug | <b>Slopestyle Qualification</b>      |
| Fri 21st Aug   | Slopestyle Training (Finalists only) |
| Sat 22nd Aug   | <b>Slopestyle Finals</b>             |
| Sun 23rd Aug   | Weather day Slopestyle               |

### FIS Snowboard Halfpipe

|                |                                    |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Wed 26th Aug   | Halfpipe Training (Men & Ladies)   |
| Thurs 27th Aug | Halfpipe Training (Men & Ladies)   |
| Fri 28th Aug   | <b>Halfpipe Qualification</b>      |
| Sat 29th Aug   | Halfpipe Training (Finalists only) |
| Sun 30th Aug   | <b>Halfpipe Finals</b>             |
| Mon 31st Aug   | Weather day Halfpipe               |





## Team Captain's Meetings & Coaches Welcome Drinks

All Team Captain's Meetings will take place in the **Faulks Room at the Lake Wanaka Centre, 89 Ardmore Street**. Additional downtown or on course meetings may be arranged, this information will be shared at the first Team Captain's Meeting for each event.

|        |                         |  |
|--------|-------------------------|--|
| 5.30pm | Mon 17th - Fri 21st Aug | Slopestyle TCMs  |
| 6.00pm | Fri 21st Aug            | Coaches Welcome Drinks, Wanaka Village (all HP & SS coaches welcome) |
| 5.30pm | Tues 25th -Sat 29th Aug | Halfpipe TCM's   |

## Snowboard Big Air **\*\*PLEASE NOTE, BIG AIR WILL NOT BE WORLD CUP\*\***

*INVITATION TO COME - It is likely that this event will be sanctioned at FIS Continental Cup level, Confirmation of this and detailed information on entry will be sent out in the invitation.*

|              |                              |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| Mon 24th Aug | Big Air Training             |
| Wed 26 Aug   | <b>Big Air Qualification</b> |
| Sun 30th Aug | <b>Big Air Finals</b>        |

## Entries, Fees & Registration

### Entry Criteria

Entries for Halfpipe and Slopestyle will be accepted in accordance with the FIS quotas and rules for the World Cup, and must be processed by the national snow sports association through the FIS Online Registration and Entry System at [www.fis-ski.com](http://www.fis-ski.com).

If you have any questions please contact Winter Games NZ Sports Manager, Iona Bentley, on [iona@wintergamesnz.kiwi](mailto:iona@wintergamesnz.kiwi)



## Entry Fees

An administrative fee will charge for each World Cup competitor. This fee will be refundable should the event be cancelled.

- Administrative Fee **NZ\$ 230 (\$175 USD)** per competitor (Halfpipe & Slopestyle).
- Payment at registration in Wanaka before the first Team Captain's Meeting for your event.
- Big Air information will be sent out separately

N.B. Due to number of athletes competing in the Audi quattro Winter Games NZ, we are not able to guarantee Team Accommodation bookings (as per WC rules) after **20th June 2015**. A 50% deposit per person is required prior to this deadline to secure your booking. For all entry and accommodation enquiries please contact Jane Todd on [jane@wintergamesnz.kiwi](mailto:jane@wintergamesnz.kiwi)

## Deadlines for Entries

Preliminary Entry (Announcement of Team Size):

9th (SS) & 17th (HP) July 2015

Final Team Names:

10th (SS) & 18th (HP) August 2015

## Registration & accreditation

All team captains should register and pay entry fees at The Winter Games NZ office before the first team captain's meeting. The office will be open for registration and general information from 12pm - 5pm daily, Monday 17th - Thursday 20th August 2015 at the **Lake Wanaka Centre, 99 Ardmore Street, Wanaka**. From the official games opening day on Fri 21st August the office will be based at the Winter Games NZ Wanaka Village (exact venue tbc). Contact Jane Todd on [jane@wintergamesnz.kiwi](mailto:jane@wintergamesnz.kiwi) for more information.

## Lift passes and competitors bibs

Lift passes will be provided to all competitors and team officials for official training and competition days. The number of passes given out to team officials will be relative to team size (as per FS World Rules 7.8.1)

Training and competition bibs will be allocated at the team captains meetings. A bib deposit of \$100 per team or \$20 per individual will be required in cash at the first Team Captains Meeting. It is mandatory that all competitors wear their bibs during all official training, competition and award ceremonies.



## Sanctioning, Prize Money & Awards :

### Sanctioning

The Slopestyle and Halfpipe events are both sanctioned at **FIS World Cup** level.



### Awards ceremonies

Flower ceremonies will take place on hill at the end of each competition final. Medal and prize giving ceremonies will be held at Audi quattro Winter Games NZ Wanaka Village, which is next to the Wanaka Hotel at 71 Ardmore Street, Wanaka, with the exception of the Snowboard Halfpipe on the Final day of the Games, which will be held at Cardrona as part of the Closing Ceremony:

|        |              |                           |          |
|--------|--------------|---------------------------|----------|
| 5.00pm | Sat 22nd Aug | Halfpipe (Men & Ladies)   | Wanaka   |
| 4.30pm | Sun 30th Aug | Slopestyle (Men & Ladies) | Cardrona |

### Prize money

The total prize purse for Halfpipe and Slopestyle is CHF 100,000. The prize money for each event and each gender is split as follows: Prize money will be given in US \$ at the official awards ceremonies,

### Media

If you are planning to bring a media team with you, please note that they must be accredited by the Winter Games NZ Media Office. This applies whether they are editorial media or filming for promotional purposes. Please contact the Winter Games Media Manager directly on [media@wintergamesnz.kiwi](mailto:media@wintergamesnz.kiwi) with any questions or complete a media accreditation form on our website: [www.wintergamesnz.kiwi/media](http://www.wintergamesnz.kiwi/media). This form must be submitted by **Friday 24 July**.





Festival events are an essential part of the Audi quattro Winter Games NZ. And it's all completely free to watch!

## Downtown Festival Programme

Festival events are an essential part of Audi quattro Winter Games NZ. From the 2015 opening ceremony at Coronet Peak, which includes a dramatic dual slalom raced under floodlights, to the glittering closing ceremony at Cardrona Alpine Resort, there's an awesome free to watch programme this August.

Stand by for more information about our adrenalin-packed Adventure Film Festival, live music concerts, medal ceremonies and daily entertainment all based at the Games Villages in central Queenstown and Wanaka.

We've already confirmed that star Kiwi performer, **Ladi6** will be singing the national anthem during our opening ceremony before heading downtown for a **free concert** at the Queenstown Games Village on the Village Green.

The 2015 JUCY Meltdown Concert will be held after the closing ceremony at the Wanaka Games Village next to the Wanaka Hotel on Ardmore Street. Headline act **Kora**, one of New Zealand's most sonically powerful live bands, will play a blistering set to bring the curtain down for another year.

## School's Engagement Programme

As part of the Audi quattro Winter Games NZ we are running a local Schools Engagement Programme which aims to create memorable experiences for athletes connecting with local student and encourage participation in snow sports at a grass root level, encourage a sense of excitement and pride of hosting the Winter Games NZ.

We are seeking international athletes who would like to connect with students in our local community. If your team would like to be involved, please get in touch with Jo Guest on [jo@wintergamesnz.kiwi](mailto:jo@wintergamesnz.kiwi)

# Draft Schedules

\*\*Subject to change\*\*

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## SNOWBOARD SLOPESTYLE WORLD CUP

Venue: Cardrona Alpine Resort  
Dates: 18 - 23 August 2015

**Mon 17 August**      **Arrival Day**  
**Tues 18 August**    **Official Training**  
**Wed 19 August**    **Official Training**

**Thurs 20 August**    **Qualification**  
8:30 AM - 9:15 AM    Training H1 & H2 Men  
9:30 AM - 10:45 AM   Qualification H1 & H2 Men  
10:50 AM - 11:35 PM   Training H3 & H4 Men  
11:50 AM - 13:05 PM   Qualification H3 & H4 Men  
13:10 PM - 13:55 PM   Training H1 & H2 Ladies  
14:05 PM - 15:20 PM   Qualification H1 & H2 Ladies

**Fri 21 August**      **Finalists Training**

**Sat 22 August**      **Semi Finals and Finals**  
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM    Training Semi Finals  
9:45 AM - 10:55 AM   Semi Finals Ladies & Men  
11:00 PM - 11:45 PM   Training Finals  
12:00 PM - 13:10 PM   Finals Ladies & Men  
13:20 PM                Flower Ceremony, Bottom of Course  
17:00 PM                Awards Ceremony, Wanaka Village

**Sun 23 August**      **Weather Day**  
**Mon 24 August**      **Departure Day**

## SNOWBOARD HALFPIPE WORLD CUP

Venue: Cardrona Alpine Resort  
Dates: 26 - 31 August 2015

**Tues 25 August**      **Arrival Day**  
**Wed 26 August**      **Official Training**  
**Thurs 27 August**      **Official Training**

**Fri 28 August**      **Qualification**  
8:00 AM - 8:35 AM    Training H1 & H2 Men  
8:45 AM - 9:45 AM    Qualification H1 & H2 Men  
9:55 AM - 10:30 AM   Training H3 & H4 Men  
10:40 AM - 11:40 AM   Qualification H3 & H4 Men  
11:45 AM - 12:20 PM   Training H1 & H2 Ladies  
12:30 PM - 13:30 PM   Qualification H1 & H2 Ladies

**Sat 29 August**      **Finalists Training**

**Sun 30 August**      **Semi Finals and Finals**  
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM    Training Semi Finals  
08:40 AM - 09:35 AM   Semi Finals Ladies & Men  
09:45 AM - 10:05 AM   Training Finals  
10:20 AM - 11:45 AM   Finals Ladies & Men  
11:50 PM                Flower Ceremony, Halfpipe  
16:30 PM                Awards Ceremony, Cardrona

**Mon 31st August**    **Weather Day**  
**Tues 1st September** **Departure Day**



Visitors from certain countries must have a **visitor visa** to enter New Zealand.



## Travel & Logistics

### Visas

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](http://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](http://www.immigration.govt.nz) or from New Zealand and Australian Consulates, Embassies or High commissions.

### Liability & Insurance

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 competition), 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.



## Air travel

We recommend that you book your flights as early as possible and fly into Queenstown or Christchurch depending on your travel plans. Air New Zealand, Jetstar, Qantas and Virgin Australia are the only airlines flying directly into Queenstown. However many others come into Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.

## Car/Van Transport

We highly recommend that teams organize their own transport to ensure full control over movement to and from the resort. JUCY Rentals 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 country for a couple of weeks or more. With a range of cars and campers, they have something for everyone's budget.

JUCY is so stoked to be involved with the Winter Games NZ again that they have come up with an awesome deal for you. JUCY's 4 Wheela is their most popular during the winter months or you can club together and lock in an 8 Seata to get the whole team around. Whatever you choose, simply use promo code **WINTERGAMES** when booking online at [www.jucy.co.nz](http://www.jucy.co.nz) to receive 20% off any JUCY ride in New Zealand.





## Accommodation

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

The **Queenstown Lakes** District offers numerous **accommodation** options for all budgets. Here is a selection of what can be found in each area.

### Wanaka


|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Oakridge Resort  | <a href="http://www.oakridge.co.nz">www.oakridge.co.nz</a>       |
| Wyndham Resort   | <a href="http://www.wyndhamap.com">www.wyndhamap.com</a>         |
| Wanaka Hotel     | <a href="http://www.wanakahotel.co.nz">www.wanakahotel.co.nz</a> |
| Lake Hawea Hotel | <a href="http://www.lakehawe.co.nz">www.lakehawe.co.nz</a>       |

For more listings please visit: [www.lakewanaka.co.nz/new-zealand/accommodation/](http://www.lakewanaka.co.nz/new-zealand/accommodation/)

### Cardrona

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| Benbrae Lodge   | <a href="http://www.benbrae.co.nz">www.benbrae.co.nz</a>               |
| Cardrona Villas | <a href="http://www.cardronavillas.co.nz">www.cardronavillas.co.nz</a> |
| Cardrona Hotel  | <a href="http://www.cardronahotel.co.nz">www.cardronahotel.co.nz</a>   |

### Queenstown

Accor Hotels are the official 3.5, 4 and 5  **ACCORHOTELS.COM** star hotel accommodation providers for the Audi quattro Winter Games NZ. They offer four unique and distinct accommodation options in Queenstown. For bookings and more information visit [www.wintergamesnz.kiwi/travel/accommodation/](http://www.wintergamesnz.kiwi/travel/accommodation/)

### Rental houses or apartments

It's possible to rent houses or apartments on short or long term basis in all townships. Most of the houses would be a minimum rental of 5-7 days.

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