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Winter Games<sup>NZ</sup>



**FREESKI**  
**WORLD CUP**

# FREESKI WORLD CUP BIG AIR INVITATION

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2018  
WANAKA, NEW ZEALAND



Dear Freeski Nations,

We are delighted to invite all freeskiers to the Audi quattro Winter Games NZ 2018 which returns for its sixth edition and excitingly is now an annual event. We were very pleased to see so many of the athletes who competed at last year's Winter Games NZ go on to have success at the recent Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang and now four years out from Beijing 2022, we look forward to welcoming the best winter sports athletes back to New Zealand's South Island for what promises to be another fantastic event.

The 2018 competition schedule is bigger than ever and sees the addition of the FIS Junior Freestyle Ski & Snowboard World Championships 2018 to the programme. As a result we will have the stars of the future competing on the same stage as those at the forefront of the sport.

Entries for the FIS Freeski World Cup Big Air, which is sanctioned at an AFP platinum level are now open on the FIS website at [www.fis-ski.com](http://www.fis-ski.com). The World Cup will take place at Cardrona Alpine Resort, Wanaka which is home to an international level 85ft+ Big Air jump and will certainly provide the platform for athletes to put on a spectacular show.

Please contact Winter Games NZ Assistant Sports Manager Tim Coltman on [tim@wintergamesnz.kiwi](mailto:tim@wintergamesnz.kiwi) with any questions you may have. Our team is here to help.

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

Kind regards,

Marty Toomey  
Chief Executive



The **6th** edition of the **Audi quattro** Winter Games NZ will take place over a 16 day period from **24 August - 8 September** 2018 and will feature elite **winter sports** competitions in Alpine Skiing, Cross Country Skiing, Curling, Ice Hockey, Freeride, **Freeski** & Snowboarding.

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## Winter Games NZ

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## Dates & Venues

### Dates

Freeski Big Air: 3 – 9 September 2018

### Host Towns & Venues

The Audi quattro Winter Games NZ 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 and the mountain events are held at Cardrona Alpine Resort (Freestyle Skiing and Snowboarding), Coronet Peak (Alpine Skiing), The Remarkables (Freeride) and Snow Farm NZ (Cross Country Skiing).

### Venue

Cardrona Alpine Resort will host the FIS Freeski World Cup Big Air and is home to a 22ft Olympic Halfpipe and World Cup quality Slopestyle and Big Air facilities. The Big Air course builder is Shaw Butterworth.

Provided the weather behaves itself, the park and pipe at Cardrona should be open by late July.

Please note that as there is a lot of demand for training space at that time of year.

For all pre and post event training information, please contact Graham Dunbar at [events@cardrona.com](mailto:events@cardrona.com)



## Event Schedule

### **Audi quattro Winter Games NZ Ceremonies**

Friday 24 August: Opening Ceremony - Pembroke Park, Wanaka  
 Saturday 8 September: Closing Ceremony - Cardrona, Wanaka

### **Freeski & Snowboard World Cup Big Air**

Venue: Cardrona Alpine Resort  
 Dates: 3 - 9 August 2018

Monday 3 September: Official Training  
 Tuesday 4 September: Official Training  
 Wednesday 5 September: Competition Day - Freeski Qualification  
 Thursday 6 September: Competition Day - Snowboard Qualification  
 Friday 7 September: Competition Day - Freeski Finals  
 Saturday 8 September: Competition Day - Snowboard Finals  
 Sunday 9 September: Weather Day

### **Team Captain's Meetings**

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

Sunday 2 September:	5.30pm	TCM and Coaches Welcome Drinks
Monday 3 September:	5.30pm	TCM
Tuesday 4 September:	5.30pm	TCM
Thursday 6 September:	5.30pm	TCM

## Entry Process & Fees

### Entry Criteria

Entries for the FIS Freeski World Cup Big Air will be accepted in accordance with the FIS quotas and rules 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 Assistant Sports Manager Tim Coltman, on [tim@wintergamesnz.kiwi](mailto:tim@wintergamesnz.kiwi)

### Entry Fees

An administrative fee of 120 CHF (as per FIS rules) will be charged for each World Cup competitor and all Team Captains should pay any relevant fees at the first Team Captain's Meeting. This fee will be refundable should the event be cancelled before the first training day.

### Deadlines for Entries

Preliminary entries:	27 July 2018
Final entries:	26 August 2018

### Lift Passes

Lift passes will be provided to all competitors and team officials for official training and competition days and will be distributed at the team captain's meetings. Passes for Finals days will only be issued to Finalists. The number of free passes given out to team officials will be relative to team size.

Outside of official training and competition days athletes and team officials will need to purchase lift passes directly from Cardrona Alpine Resort. We recommend that athletes purchase either an International Athlete Season Pass (\$799/\$499) by filling out this [form](#) and returning it to [ticketing@cardrona.com](mailto:ticketing@cardrona.com) or a WGNZ Pass (\$299) which will provide lift access for the duration of the Winter Games NZ (22 Aug - Sept 9) and can be purchased at the first Team Captain's Meeting.

### Competitors Bibs

Training and competition bibs will be allocated at the Team Captain's Meetings. A bib deposit of \$100 per team or \$20 per individual will be required in cash at the first Team Captain's Meeting. The bib deposit will be refunded once the full teams bibs are returned. It is mandatory that all competitors wear their bibs during all official training and competition days.

# Sanctioning, Ceremonies & Awards



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## Sanctioning

The Big Air event is co-sanctioned at FIS World Cup and AFP Platinum levels. Athletes must have a valid FIS license to compete and will only receive points in the AFP ranking system if they hold a current AFP membership. AFP profiles will be used by our event commentators and MCs so we recommend that all athletes update them with sponsor and bio information. Visit [www.afpworldtour.com/register](http://www.afpworldtour.com/register) and click the SIGN IN button.

## AFP

The Association of Freeskiing Professionals is an organisation responsible for implementing a global ranking system and to serve as a unified voice for the athletes and our sport. Made up of athletes and key influencers within the sport of freeskiing, the AFP is proactive in the future direction of events, judging, growth and evolution of the sport. For the up-and-coming athlete, they help create a development pathway that clearly outlines the steps required to fulfil their freeskiing goals. Additionally, the AFP assists event promoters and governing bodies to ensure consistent on-hill competition, organization and judging.

## Ceremonies

The Opening Ceremony for both the FIS Junior Freestyle Ski and Snowboard World Championships 2018 and the Audi quattro Winter Games NZ will be held together in downtown Wanaka on the 24th of August. The proceedings will start with a parade of nations through the main streets of Wanaka and finish at Pembroke Park where the official ceremony will be held.

Once the formalities are over the party really starts. We are bringing a truck load of snow down to the Wanaka Skate Park and running a skate and snow rail jam where some local athletes will be throwing down and showcasing their skills. There will be several tasty food trucks, P Digsss will have the tunes pumping and to cap the evening off local Wanaka act Civilian Sol will be performing.

The Closing Ceremony will be held up at Cardrona Alpine Resort at the conclusion of the Big Air World Cup on the 8th of September.

## Awards

Flower and medal ceremonies will take place on mountain at the end of each competition final. Podium placing athletes are obligated to attend these ceremonies and should be available for media interviews and athlete signings immediately after the awards. The total prize purse for the Big Air is CHF 50,000. The prize money breakdown is per FIS Rules and payments will be made electronically.

## Accreditation

### **Pre-register and win!**

This year athletes can save time by pre-registering for their accreditation online and every athlete who pre-registers online before August 1st goes into the draw to win a 'Lord of the Rungs' [Wildwire Wanaka](#) waterfall climbing experience valued at \$599.

**For online athlete accreditation pre-registration, click [here](#).**

All athletes, coaches and officials can collect their accreditation cards early from **the Lake Wanaka Centre, 89 Ardmore Street** from 21 - 22 August between 4pm - 6pm. Accreditation cards will also be available at the first Team Captain's Meeting for each respective event. This card allows athletes, coaches and officials to unlock a range of benefits and discounts with local restaurants, cafés, bars and shops.

### **Media Accreditation**

If you are planning to bring a media team with you or know of someone wishing to cover the events, please note that they need to be accredited by the Winter Games NZ Media team. Media accreditation will open in July on the website [www.wintergamesnz.kiwi](http://www.wintergamesnz.kiwi) but feel free to put them in touch with Sophie Luther, Media Manager prior to this for more information on the event at [sophie@wintergamesnz.kiwi](mailto:sophie@wintergamesnz.kiwi)

We are stoked you are part of the Audi quattro Winter Games NZ 2018 and look forward to sharing the excitement and action from the Games.

## Other Freeski Events

### **FIS NZ Freestyle Open**

The [FIS NZ Freestyle Open](#) is for Freeski & Snowboard Halfpipe and Slopestyle competitors who want to earn FIS points and qualify for the FIS World Cup events and the Winter Olympics. Scheduled for the 14-17 August, the FIS NZ Freestyle Open are sanctioned at Australia New Zealand Continental Cup level and provide the perfect opportunity to prepare for the FIS Junior Freestyle Ski and Snowboard World Championships 2018.

For entry info please email Snow Sports NZ Park and Pipe Manager Luke Hetzel at [luke@snowsports.co.nz](mailto:luke@snowsports.co.nz)



# Provisional Schedule

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## Freeski Big Air World Cup

Venue: Cardrona Alpine Resort

Dates: 3 - 9 August 2018

Sunday 2 September: Arrival Day

Monday 3 September: Official Training

Tuesday 4 September: Official Training

## Wednesday 5 September: Competition Day - Freeski Qualification

8:30am - 9:15am Training Heat 1 Ladies  
9:30am - 10:05am Qualification Heat 1 Run 1 Ladies  
10:05am - 10:40am Qualification Heat 1 Run 2 Ladies  
10:50am - 11:35am Training Heat 1 Men  
11:50am - 12:25pm Qualification Heat 1 Run 1 Men  
12:25pm - 13:00pm Qualification Heat 1 Run 2 Men  
13:10pm - 13:55pm Training Heat 2 Men  
14:10pm - 14:45pm Qualification Heat 2 Run 1 Men  
14:45pm - 15:20pm Qualification Heat 2 Run 2 Men

## Thursday 6 September: Competition Day - Snowboard Qualification

## Friday 7 September:

11:00am - 11:45am  
12:00pm - 12:09pm  
12:10pm - 12:26pm  
12:27pm - 12:46pm  
12:47pm - 13:03pm  
13:04pm - 13:23pm  
13:24pm - 13:40pm

## Saturday 8 September:

## Sunday 9 September:

## Competition Day - Freeski Finals

Training Finals Ladies & Men  
Finals Run 1 Ladies  
Finals Run 1 Men  
Finals Run 2 Ladies  
Finals Run 2 Men  
Finals Run 3 Ladies  
Finals Run 3 Men

## Competition Day - Snowboard Finals

## Weather Day

## Media & Social Media

Welcome to the sixth edition of the [Audi quattro Winter Games NZ](#) and our first annual event! We are stoked to have you part of the Games and look forward to welcoming you all to our beautiful country Aotearoa, New Zealand and hosting you in Queenstown, Wanaka and Naseby this winter.

We are planning an even bigger and better Audi quattro Winter Games NZ, with the inclusion your event the FIS Junior Freestyle Ski and Snowboard World Championships 2018, a prestigious competition within our Games framework. This event will allow you showcase your talent at a world class event and we want to help make you shine.

The Winter Games NZ media team's focus is on you, our athletes. You are an integral part of everything we do and we are keen to work with everyone on media opportunities and sharing the content from the Games. Our social media channels will be where you find the latest news, results, images and video from our media team across every venue. We are focusing on getting the news and content out as quick as possible and being the number one spot for the most up to date information on the event. We will be utilising Facebook Live and Instagram Live to distribute blow by blow live daily updates. Our [Facebook](#) page will be the best place to find all the latest news and content. While our [Instagram](#) will feature the best images of the day and will also host an epic Instagram story. [Twitter](#) will post short sharp news to keep you up to date.

We would love to spread your content as well, so please do tag us in and use our hashtag on all social media channels so we can find it! #WGNZ and @WinterGamesNZ

We are planning to have an Athlete Image Portal this year for you to download images and share with the world. All we ask is for you to use our hashtag and our social handle to tag us in, easy as! We will be sending more info out for this in the coming months.

Our Media Manager, Sophie Luther would love to hear from you if you are keen on working together on content, so please do get in touch with her on [sophie@wintergamesnz.kiwi](mailto:sophie@wintergamesnz.kiwi)

## The Wanaka App

While in Wanaka live like a local! Download the [Wanaka App](#) for up to date local news and sport, road conditions and things to do while in town.

## 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 with NZ Immigration to find out if visitors from your country require a visitor visa to enter New Zealand. Information and 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.

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

## Car/Van Transport

We highly recommend that teams organise their own transport to ensure full control over movement to and from the resort. There are a number of rental companies close to the Queenstown International Airport that have a range of car and van options to suit everyone's budget.

JUCY [www.jucy.co.nz](http://www.jucy.co.nz)  
GO Rentals [www.gorentals.co.nz](http://www.gorentals.co.nz)

## Accommodation

Due to the number of athletes competing in the Audi quattro Winter Games NZ, we are not able to guarantee Team Accommodation bookings (as per FIS rules) after **15th July 2018**. A 50% deposit per person is required prior to this deadline to secure your booking. Accommodation will be offered at 80 CHF per day per person as per FIS World Cup rules (5.6). For all entry and accommodation enquiries please contact Jane Todd on [jane@wintergamesnz.kiwi](mailto:jane@wintergamesnz.kiwi). We strongly recommend the teams identify and book their own accommodation.

### Wanaka

Oakridge Resort [www.oakridge.co.nz](http://www.oakridge.co.nz)  
Wyndham Resort [www.wyndhamap.com](http://www.wyndhamap.com)  
Wanaka Hotel [www.wanakahotel.co.nz](http://www.wanakahotel.co.nz)  
Lake Hawea Hotel [www.lakehaweaco.nz](http://www.lakehaweaco.nz)  
For more listings please visit: [www.lakewanaka.co.nz/new-zealand/accommodation](http://www.lakewanaka.co.nz/new-zealand/accommodation)

### Cardrona

Benbrae Lodge [www.benbrae.co.nz](http://www.benbrae.co.nz)  
Cardrona Villas [www.cardronavillas.co.nz](http://www.cardronavillas.co.nz)  
Cardrona Hotel [www.cardronahotel.co.nz](http://www.cardronahotel.co.nz)

The **Queenstown Lakes District** offers numerous **accommodation** options for all budgets

## Queenstown

Accor Hotels [www.accorhotels.com](http://www.accorhotels.com)  
 Rydges Queenstown [www.rydges.com](http://www.rydges.com)  
 QT Hotels [www.qthotelsandresorts.com](http://www.qthotelsandresorts.com)  
 For more listings please visit: [www.queenstownnz.co.nz/accommodation/](http://www.queenstownnz.co.nz/accommodation/)

For more accommodation information visit  
<https://www.wintergamesnz.kiwi/get-here/accommodation>

## Rental houses or apartments

It's possible to rent houses or apartments on short or long term basis in all townships. Most teams book houses as it is the most available and cost effective option. Most of the houses would be a minimum rental of 5-7 days.

Holiday Houses NZ [www.holidayhouses.co.nz](http://www.holidayhouses.co.nz)  
 Bookabach [www.bookabach.co.nz](http://www.bookabach.co.nz)  
 Airbnb [www.airbnb.com](http://www.airbnb.com)

## Additional services

### Fitness Gyms

[Proactive24:](#) Wanaka  
[The Fit Collective:](#) Wanaka  
[Alpine Health & Fitness:](#) Queenstown  
[Queenstown Gym:](#) Queenstown

### Physiotherapists

[Wanaka Physiotherapy:](#) Wanaka  
[The Physio Room:](#) Wanaka  
[Queenstown Physiotherapy:](#) Queenstown  
[Remarkable Physios:](#) Queenstown

### Massage

[Body Workshop:](#) Wanaka  
[Wanaka Sports Massage:](#) Wanaka  
[Remedial Massage:](#) Queenstown  
[Massage Clinic QT:](#) Queenstown

### Ski & Board Tuning

[Racer's Edge:](#) Wanaka  
[The Wax Room:](#) Wanaka  
[Snowboard Workshop:](#) Queenstown  
[Browns Ski Shop:](#) Queenstown

### Snow Report/Weather

[Cardrona Alpine Resort:](#) Wanaka  
[Treble Cone:](#) Wanaka  
[Snow Farm:](#) Wanaka  
[The Remarkables:](#) Queenstown

[Coronet Peak:](#) Queenstown  
[Metservice:](#) National



## Wanaka and Queenstown

Located in the stunning alps of the South Island, New Zealand, visitors from around the world are drawn to the region by its outstanding beauty. Hot dry summers, cool autumns, lush spring and crisp cold winters make it a year-round destination and the ultimate base for outdoor activities.

Wanaka is home to two world-class ski areas Cardrona and Treble Cone, New Zealand's only cross country ski field Snow Farm, the private ski area of Soho Basin, and boasts access to the largest heli-ski terrain in the Southern Hemisphere.

Nestled alongside the pristine waters of Lake Wakatipu and surrounded by majestic, snowcapped mountains, Queenstown is a ski and winter destination offering a wide range of terrain for all abilities across The Remarkables and Coronet Peak ski areas.

You'll also discover a huge range of off mountain activities including adrenalin-pumping adventure, lake cruises, excellent cafes & restaurants, craft breweries and award-winning wineries. The Southern Lakes region is literally paradise for those passionate about winter sports.

Visit [Lake Wanaka Tourism](#) and [Destination Queenstown](#) for further information.

