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**FREESKI
WORLD CUP**



2019

FREESKI WORLD CUP HALFPIPE

AUG 23 - SEPT 7

INVITATION



Kia ora Freeski Nations,

We are delighted to invite all freeskiers to New Zealand for the Winter Games NZ 2019, which marks ten years since the inaugural Games were held in 2009. From August 23rd to September 7th over 800 of the world's best winter sports athletes will descend on New Zealand to compete in 26 events across 9 different sports.

The 2019 park and pipe events will be held at Cardrona Alpine Resort, Wanaka which is home to a 22ft Olympic Halfpipe and will certainly provide the perfect platform for athletes to put on a spectacular show.

Entries for the FIS Freeski World Cup Halfpipe are now open on the FIS Online Registration and Entry System at www.fis-ski.com.

Some of your freeskiers may also be interested in entering the FIS Australia New Zealand Cup (ANC) Halfpipe and Slopestyle events that are also being held at Cardrona Alpine Resort on the 25th - 28th August and the 29th August - 2nd September respectively. More information on these ANC events can be found within this invitation.

Please contact Winter Games NZ Freeski & Snowboard Manager Ritchie Date on ritchie@wintergamesnz.kiwi with any questions you may have. Our team is here to help.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Winter Games NZ.

Ngā mihi,

Marty Toomey
Chief Executive



The 7th edition of the **Winter Games NZ** will take place over a 16 day period from **23 August - 7 September 2019** and will feature elite winter sports competitions in Alpine & Para Alpine Skiing, Cross Country Skiing, Curling, Ice Hockey, Freeride, **Freeski & Snowboard**.

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DATES & VENUES

Dates

FIS Freeski World Cup Halfpipe

4 - 8 September 2019

Host Towns & Venues

The 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 Trans-Tasman Challenge Ice Hockey matches will be played at the Queenstown Ice Arena. The mountain events are held at Cardrona Alpine Resort (Freeski, Snowboarding & Para Alpine Skiing), Coronet Peak (Alpine & Para Alpine Skiing), The Remarkables (Freeride) and Snow Farm NZ (Cross Country Skiing).

Venue

Cardrona Alpine Resort will host the FIS Freeski World Cup Halfpipe and is home to a 22ft Olympic Halfpipe and world class Slopestyle and Park facilities.

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

Cardrona have put together all the information you need to ensure you make the most of your time training and competing in New Zealand. For all pre event training information including lift pass options and lane space hire, please go to www.cardrona.com/winter/plan/elite-international-athletes.

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

Subject to change

Freeski World Cup Halfpipe

Venue: Cardrona Alpine Resort

Dates: 4 - 8 September 2019

Tuesday 3 September: Arrival Day

Wednesday 4 September: Official Training

Thursday 5 September: Official Training

Friday 6 September - Freeski Qualification

8:30am - 9:15am	Training Heat 1 Women
9:30am - 10:05am	Qualification Heat 1 Run 1 Women
10:05am - 10:40am	Qualification Heat 1 Run 2 Women
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

Saturday 7 September - Freeski Finals

10:00am - 10:45am	Training Finals Women & Men
11:00am - 11:14am	Finals Run 1 Women
11:15am - 11:34pm	Finals Run 1 Men
11:35am - 11:49am	Finals Run 2 Women
11:50am - 12:09pm	Finals Run 2 Men
12:10pm - 12:24pm	Finals Run 3 Women
12:25pm - 12:44pm	Finals Run 3 Men

Sunday 8 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 Wanaka.**

Additional downtown or on course meetings may be arranged and this information will be shared at the first TCM for each event.

Tuesday 3 September:	4.30pm	Coach Accreditation
	5.30pm	TCM & Coaches Drinks
Wednesday 4 September:	5.30pm	TCM
Thursday 5 September:	5.30pm	TCM
Friday 6 September:	5.30pm	TCM

ENTRY PROCESS & FEES

Entry Criteria

Entries for the FIS Freeski World Cup Halfpipe 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

If you have any questions please contact Winter Games NZ Freeski & Snowboard Manager Ritchie Date on ritchie@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:	28 July 2019
Final entries:	27 August 2019

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. 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 and coaches purchase either an International Athlete Season Pass (\$849/\$499) by filling out this [form](#) and returning it to ticketing@cardrona.com. Alternatively athletes and team officials can purchase the WGNZ Pass (\$399) which will provide lift access for the duration of the Winter Games NZ (22 Aug - Sept 8) 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 Meeting. 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 team's bibs are returned. It is mandatory that all competitors wear their bibs during all official training and competition days.

SANCTIONING & AWARDS

Sanctioning

The Halfpipe event is sanctioned at FIS World Cup level. Athletes must have a valid FIS license to compete.

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 FIS World Cup Halfpipe is CHF 50,000. The prize money breakdown is per FIS Rules and payments will be made electronically.

ACCREDITATION

Sports Accreditation

Coaches and team management can collect their accreditation from the Lake Wanaka Centre (89 Ardmore Street Wanaka) prior to the first Team Captain's Meeting for each respective event. There is no athlete accreditation in 2019.

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 but feel free to put them in touch with Sophie Luther, Communications and Marketing Manager prior to this for more information on the event at sophie@wintergamesnz.kiwi. We are stoked you are part of the Winter Games NZ 2019 and look forward to sharing the excitement and action.

ATHLETE WELCOME & OTHER EVENTS

Athlete Welcome

Tēnā koutou katoa. Nau mai haere mai! Greetings to you all. Welcome! Winter Games NZ invites all athletes, teams and officials to a mihi whakatau (Māori welcoming ceremony) to celebrate coming together for the Winter Games NZ 2019.

Please join us to experience a uniquely New Zealand welcome and enjoy food prepared in a traditional hāngī (earth oven).

When: Thursday 22 August, 3.45pm

Where: Lake Wanaka Centre, 89 Ardmore Street, Wanaka

We'd love to see as many of you there as possible. More information will be sent closer to the time.

Other Events

Winter Games NZ FIS ANC Slopestyle and Halfpipe

The Winter Games NZ 2019 Freeski & Snowboard program also includes the final Halfpipe and Slopestyle events in the 2019 FIS Australia New Zealand Cup series and provides the last opportunity for athletes to secure the FIS ANC bib and along with it, a World Cup start for the 2020 season. Entries are now open and can be made by filling out the [FIS Entry Form](#) and sending it to Freeski & Snowboard Manager Ritchie Date at ritchie@wintergamesnz.kiwi.

NZ Freestyle Open

The [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 NZ Freestyle Open is sanctioned at FIS Australia New Zealand Cup level and provides the perfect opportunity to prepare for the Winter Games NZ park and pipe events.

For entry info please email Snow Sports NZ Park and Pipe Manager Luke Hetzel at luke@snowsports.co.nz



MEDIA & SOCIAL MEDIA

Welcome to the seventh edition of the Winter Games NZ! 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 Winter Games NZ, with the centrepiece of the Games being the FIS Snowboard World Cup Big Air and FIS Freeski World Cup Halfpipe, as well as FIS Freeski and Snowboard Australia New Zealand Cup (ANC) Halfpipe and Slopestyle events. The Winter Games NZ is proud to attract 6 out of the top 10 athletes in each of the World Cup disciplines and predict a talented field of internationals for the ANC competitions.

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 and website will be where you find the latest videos, images, news and results from our media team across every venue. We are focusing on getting the content out as quick as possible and showcasing you guys to the world!

We will be utilising [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) to distribute blow by blow live daily updates. Our Facebook page will host the latest news and videos. 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 will have an Athlete Content Portal again this year for you to download images, which you can 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 Communications and Marketing 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

TRAVEL, LOGISTICS & ACCOMMODATION

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 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 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.

Ezi Car Rental www.ezicarrental.co.nz

GO Rentals www.gorentals.co.nz

Accommodation

Due to the number of athletes competing in the Winter Games NZ, we are not able to guarantee Team Accommodation bookings (as per FIS rules) after 30 June 2019. 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 accommodation enquiries please contact Jane Todd on jane@wintergamesnz.kiwi. We strongly recommend the teams identify and book their own 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

Bookabach www.bookabach.co.nz

Airbnb www.airbnb.com

Hotels and Motels

Wanaka

Oakridge Resort	www.oakridge.co.nz
Wyndham Resort	www.wyndhamap.com
Wanaka Hotel	www.wanakahotel.co.nz
Lake Hawea Hotel	www.lakehawe.co.nz
Te Wanaka Lodge	www.tewanaka.co.nz
For more options please visit:	www.lakewanaka.co.nz

Cardrona

Benbrae Lodge	www.benbrae.co.nz
Cardrona Villas	www.cardronavillas.co.nz
Cardrona Hotel	www.cardronahotel.co.nz

Queenstown

Accor Hotels	www.accorhotels.com
Rydges Queenstown	www.rydges.com
QT Hotels	www.qthotelsandresorts.com
For more listings please visit:	www.queenstownnz.co.nz

Additional Services

Snow Report/Weather

Cardrona Alpine Resort:	Wanaka
Metservice:	National

Fitness Gyms

Proactive24	Wanaka
Snap Fitness	Wanaka
Alpine Health & Fitness	Queenstown
Snap Fitness	Queenstown

Physiotherapists

Wanaka Physiotherapy	Wanaka
The Physio Room	Wanaka
Queenstown Health	Queenstown
Remarkable Physios	Queenstown

Massage

Body Workshop	Wanaka
Wanaka Sports Massage	Wanaka
Remedial Massage	Queenstown
Massage Clinic QT	Queenstown

Ski & Board Tuning

Racers Edge	Wanaka
The Wax Room	Wanaka
Snowboard Workshop	Queenstown
Browns Ski Shop	Queenstown

WANAKA & 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.

