

Winter Games NZ 2022 Media Pack

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Winter Games NZ is thrilled to announce the Southern Hemisphere's biggest snow sports event is back in 2022. The Games will include 16 events across alpine, freeride and freestyle (park and pipe) disciplines between the 27th August and 11th September.

Cardrona Alpine Resort, Coronet Peak and The Remarkables will host the best of New Zealand's snow sports athletes, as well as welcoming back international competitors for the first time since 2019.

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Schedule

Please find the 2022 schedule [here](#).

Sport Link	Venue Link
Alpine Ski Racing	Coronet Peak
Freeride	The Remarkables
Freeski	Cardrona Alpine Resort
Snowboard	Cardrona Alpine Resort
STOMP (Freeski & Snowboard)	Cardrona Alpine Resort

Best weather forecast links for our region

[Metservice](#) (Mountain & Parks / Ski Fields)

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Domestic & International VNRs

2022	Due date NZ - Day of event	Due date Quattro - TBC
Alpine ANC Super G	27 Aug	28 Aug
Freeride (Frontier) 4*	TBC weather window	
Slopestyle ANC Finals	3 Sept	4 Sept
Halfpipe ANC Finals	4 Sept	5 Sept
Big Air	10 Sept	11 Sept
Park Jam	11 Sept	12 Sept

Key Event Information

FIS Australia New Zealand Cup – Super G and Giant Slalom

The FIS Australia New Zealand Cup (ANC) series in New Zealand consists of two Super G races, two Giant Slalom races and two slalom races. The Super G and Giant Slalom events are a part of the 2022 Winter Games NZ (refer to cheat sheet below for discipline information) with both disciplines being held on The Hurdle at Coronet Peak. With 80+ athletes from around the world competing in the Winter Games NZ Alpine Races, it's sure to be a fantastic three days up at Coronet Peak.

The ANC events are part of the FIS Continental Cup series which is the level immediately beneath the FIS World Cups. The winner of each FIS Continental Cup series (Australia-New Zealand Cup, European Cup, Far East Cup, Nor-Am Cup, South American Cup) in each discipline is awarded a personal World Cup start for the upcoming season allowing them to compete at the top level. If the winner is not from Australia or New Zealand, the top

Australian or New Zealand athlete is also awarded their own personal World Cup spot. This is a huge advantage for developing athletes looking to move to the top level of competition.

Kiwi athletes who have achieved this in the past include Alice Robinson (Beijing 2022 Olympian), Piera Hudson, Willis Feasey (PyeongChang 2018 Olympian) and Adam Barwood (Sochi 2014 and PyeongChang 2018 Olympian).

Cardrona FIS Australia New Zealand Cup presented by La Roche-Posay – Snowboard and Freeski Halfpipe and Slopestyle.

With four events over two days, this is going to be an action-packed weekend not to be missed. The halfpipe event is held in the Olympic Halfpipe at Cardrona, the only Olympic size and quality halfpipe in the Southern Hemisphere. The slopestyle event is held on Cardrona's Big Bucks terrain park, consisting of rails and large jumps.

Across all four events, there are over 150 athletes from at least 10 different nations competing, including Beijing Winter Olympic finalists, X Games athletes and current Junior World Champions.

The Australia New Zealand Cup is a series with events in both Australia and New Zealand. The event is one level just below World Cups. The top New Zealander or Australian of the series for each discipline (Freeski Slopestyle & Halfpipe and Snowboard Slopestyle & Halfpipe) receives a personal spot on the World Cup circuit in that discipline for the coming season. This is a huge achievement for development athletes looking to move to the top level of competition.

Kiwi athletes who have previously achieved this include Ben Barclay (Beijing 2022 Olympian), Ruby Andrews (current Slopestyle Junior World Champion and Finley Melville Ives (although he was too young to compete in World Cups when he achieved this!)

The North Face Frontier 2* and 4* Events

The North Face Frontier events are Freeride World Qualifiers, with points up for grabs for athletes who are striving to qualify for the prestigious Freeride World Tour. The more stars the event has, the more points available.

Both events are held at The Remarkables Ski Area. The 2* is held in Shadow Basin and the 4* is held in the Alta Chutes, above Lake Alta which will be frozen over making a fantastic viewing platform.

There are two regions on the Freeride World Qualifier circuit, Region 1 (Europe, Asia, Oceania) and Region 2 (Americas, Oceania). What makes The North Face Frontier so special is that the events fall into both regions, meaning the athletes can take their points earned at the frontier and apply them to either region for the upcoming Northern Hemisphere.

This results in The North Face Frontier having a widely international field as all athletes can earn points towards their respective regions. This year both the 2* and the 4* fields are completely full, with 80 and 50 competitors respectively from 15 Nations.

Freeride World Tour 2022 Ski Women's World Champion, Kiwi Jess Hotter, will be dropping into both the 2* and the 4* events.

Cardrona STOMP series presented by La Roche-Posay

Winter Games NZ will host the Cardrona STOMP series, consisting of a Big Air event and a Park Jam. The Big Air will be held on the world-renowned Big Air at Cardrona Alpine Resort. The Park Jam will be held in a purpose built rail garden, designed to provide athletes with the opportunity to show off their creativity and style. The competition format is being co-designed with athletes to ensure they can showcase their incredible talent.

Athletes have been hand selected to be able to compete and they will have their say in what they want the event to look like. The judging format is co-created by the invited athletes and judges to showcase the ever favourite "Jam format". In a Jam format, athletes will drop quickly after one another and is always an exciting crowd favourite.

Invited athletes will compete in a fun two-hour jam format on a creative course build, with over \$100,000 in prize money to be won across all categories!

With skiers and snowboarders invited limited to the best of the best, this is sure to be an exciting show for everyone.

STOMP was created to showcase what International Obsidian can deliver as we work towards bringing Obsidian back for winter 2023 and beyond. This includes big air, park jam and Heli-skiing/boarding as seen with the Kiwi-only athletes in 2020.

Big Air

The Big Air is back at the iconic Cardrona big air venue that was quoted by FIS as one of the "best big air venues in the world". Spectators will have views of each athlete as they perform their most stylish or difficult tricks. Athletes will only have one large jump to try their best tricks with the hopes of having at least 5 attempts to get their highest score.

Park Jam

While, the Park Jam course showcases their incredible freestyle park skills over a range of different rails, snow features and quarter pipes. Athletes will have to create a fun and technical course line with the hopes of having at least 5 attempts to get their highest score.

Disciplines Cheat Sheet

Alpine Ski Racing

Giant Slalom

Giant Slalom consists of two runs over separate courses, which may be on the same slope. Giant Slalom presents a range of long, medium and tight turns, which require strength, and a good sense of rhythm. The course is to be set to make optimum use of the variations in terrain and full use of the width of the hill, to increase the spectacle of the event.

Super-G

Super Giant Slalom (Super-G) is a single run over a long course, which combines the speed of Downhill and some of the technical characteristics of the Giant Slalom. It requires the skier to be very precise at high speeds. It combines a variety of long and medium turns on courses that have vertical drops only slightly less steep than in Downhill.

Freeride

Skiers and snowboarders ride from the top to the bottom of the natural (ungroomed and off piste) venue with as much fluidity, style and speed as possible. They ride down a line of their choice aiming to incorporate as many tricks and airs as possible off natural features such as rocks, cliffs and wind lips.

Athletes just have one run to show the judges what they can do, with the top score of the day taking the win in each of the four categories (women's snowboard, women's ski, men's snowboard, men's ski).

Freeski and Snowboard - Halfpipe

Halfpipe is a discipline that consists of a half tube made from snow. Olympic Superpipes are 22 feet (6.7m) tall and approximately 180m long / 21m wide.

The athlete makes their way down skiing or snowboarding from left to right and airing out above the lip of the halfpipe (called the coping). On average athletes will get between five and eight hits (or airs) during their run.

This is a judged event, meaning each run the athlete takes is scored by a panel of judges. The run is evaluated based on progression, amplitude, variety, execution, and difficulty. The score is out of 100 points.

Amplitude is really important in the halfpipe, tricks should be performed well above the lip of the coping. This means that often athletes are up to 40 feet (over 12m) above the flat bottom of the halfpipe while at the apex of their trick (18 feet above the coping).

Missed grabs, losing amplitude throughout the run and hands/backs touching the ground while landing tricks can all result in points deducted.

Freeski and Snowboard - Slopestyle

Slopestyle is a discipline that consists of rail features and jump features which athletes must link together from top to bottom. Freeskiers and snowboarders take part in this event.

This is a judged event, meaning each run the athlete takes is scored by a panel of judges. The run is evaluated based on progression, amplitude, variety, execution and difficulty. The score is out of 100 points.

Going big or landing well a long way down the jump's landing, riding the rail features right to the end and doing new and progressive tricks with variety and challenging grabs are all factors that can contribute to a higher score for an athlete.

Missed grabs, hands down on landings and loss of control are all factors that could contribute to lowering the athlete's score.

The Cardrona STOMP Series is Winter Games NZ's own unique event – please refer to the STOMP format description above for information.