



CARDRONA ALPINE RESORT, NEW ZEALAND
18th AUGUST 2011

Dear Snowboard Nations,

We are delighted to invite all nations to the WSF Para-Snowboard World Cup in New Zealand. The event will be hosted at Cardrona Alpine Resort, Wanaka, in association with JUCY Rentals, on the 18th of August 2011. The WSF Para-Snowboard World Cup will be held as part of the 100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games. The 100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games is an international elite winter sports competition featuring alpine skiing, freestyle skiing, figure skating, short track speed skating, ice hockey, curling, cross country skiing, winter triathlon and snowboarding that takes place over a 16 day period at various locations throughout the Otago and Canterbury regions in New Zealand's South Island.

The WSF Para-Snowboard World Cup will be hosted at Cardrona Alpine Resort, Wanaka. The nearest township from Cardrona is Wanaka (34km, 35 minutes drive) and the nearest major airport, Queenstown, is 50km (50 minute drive).

Entries for the WSF Para-Snowboard World Cup will be open from the 20th of April 2011. All athletes need to have an active WSF Para-Snowboard Race License to be eligible to compete and all entries must go through our online entry system. Please find the athlete and team information listed below. For further information please contact Laura Hedley, Snowboard Manager, on laura@wintergamesnz.com.

We look forward to welcoming you to Wanaka and the 100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arthur Klap'.

Arthur Klap
Chief Executive, Winter Games NZ

Event Information

Dates and Venues:

The 100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games are held from the 13th – 28th of August 2011. The dates for the WSF Para-Snowboard World Cup, held at Cardrona Alpine Resort, are as follows:

15th August - Official Arrival day
16th August – Rider Classification Assessment
17th August – Course Inspection
18th August – WSF Para-Snowboard World Cup
19th August – Official Departure day

Entry and Registration:

Entries will be accepted in accordance with the WSF rules and regulations. All riders must have an active 2011/2012 WSF Para-Snowboard Race License to be eligible to compete. All information on WSF Race Licenses and rules is available on WSF website:

<http://www.worldsnowboardfederation.org>

All entries for the WSF Para-Snowboard World Cup must go through our online registration system.

The main purpose of this online system is to replace the manual process of submitting paper-based entry forms by fax or email to the event. The online information required is the same as on the entry forms you would usually submit.

The Registration process works as follows:

INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES

1. Enter online at www.wintergamesnz/accounts/register/ . The system will also collect the athletes biography, so please submit as much information as possible.

The athlete biography information will be used by our media and communication team to supply journalists and other media representatives with information about the athletes. The information will also be used for the MC information packs, as well as in live-to-web communication on the Winter Games NZ website, mobile sites and iPhone applications.

If you have any questions in relation to the online registration system, please contact raceoffice@eim-solutions.com.

Deadlines for Team Entries

Definitive registration: 1th August 2011

Accreditation

The Winter Games NZ event office is located at the Lake Wanaka Centre. It will be open for accreditation and general information from 9am- 7pm, Wednesday the 10th – 28th August 2011. Lake Wanaka Centre is located at 89 Ardmore Street in the centre of Wanaka.

Team Captain's Meetings

Team Captains meetings for the WSF Para-Snowboard World Cup will take place at the Lake Wanaka Centre in Wanaka. Dates for the Team Captain's Meetings are as follows:

TCM Schedule:

- 6.30pm Tuesday 16th August
- 5.30pm Wednesday 17th August

Classification

All riders competing MUST have a current Sport Class by a WSF Classification Panel to be eligible to participate in WSF Para-Snowboard World Cup. For those athletes that require classification, a Para- Snowboard Classification will be held at the Lake Wanaka Centre from 2 pm on Tuesday 16th August 2011. If you have any classification enquires, contact Alice Mactaggart, NZ IPC Classifier at: alicemactaggart@gmail.com. Completed VI Classification forms must be submitted prior to classification.

Riders who have not been classified are ineligible to participate in WSF sanctioned Para-Snowboard events.

All riders and guides competing in WSF Para-Snowboard competitions are required to have a valid Para-Snowboard Race License. You must compete on a 2011-2012 license renewed for the new Para-Snowboard competition year 1 July 2011 - 30 June 2012. A Para-Snowboard Race License may not be purchased directly by an athlete or guide, but must be purchased on his or her behalf by their NSA or WSF authorised equivalent organisation, valid annually from 1st July through 30th June. For more information on the Para-Snowboard Race License process please refer to the Para-Snowboard Rules and Regulations.

Lift passes and Competitor bibs

Winter Games NZ will provide lift passes for competitors on competition day. Half price tickets can be purchased for athletes on non-competition/ un-official training days at Cardrona Alpine Resort from 13 - 28 August 2011 inclusive (Winter Games NZ accreditation will be required to purchase discounted tickets).

Competition bibs will be allocated at the team captains meetings on Wednesday the 17th August 2011. A bib deposit of \$100 per team will be required. It is mandatory that all competitors wear their bibs during competition day and the award ceremony.

Training Advice

Cardrona Alpine Resort has a purpose built gravity cross course that is often used for National and International competitions. For training advice at Cardrona, please contact:

Cardrona Alpine Resort

www.cardrona.com

bridget@cardrona.com

Snow Park NZ is also close to Wanaka township. For training advice and rates for Snow Park NZ, please contact:

Snow Park

www.snowparknz.com

info@snowparknz.com

Please contact the resorts and discuss coaching with them. Coaches must register both resort. This is strictly monitored so ensure you touch base first.

Media

If you are planning to bring a media team with you, please note they must be accredited by Winter Games NZ Media Office. This applies whether they are editorial press or filming for promotional purposes. Please contact the WGNZ Media Manager, Victoria Murray-Orr, directly on +64 (0)3 4432700 or victoria@wintergamesnz.com for any questions or to request an accreditation form. Please note this form must be completed by 29th July 2011.

Downtown Sessions



We invite all athletes and team managers to attend the 100 % pure New Zealand Winter Games Downtown Sessions in Wanaka, Queenstown, Naseby, Methven and Dunedin from the 13th – 28th of August. Downtown sessions is the Winter Games NZ festival program. The Program includes music concerts, downtown rail jams, adventure film festival, comedy roadshow and adventure Sports expos. The downtown awards ceremonies for Snowboard, Freeski and Winter triathlon events will all take place in Wanaka. They are scheduled for 5pm and will start with a busker style street performance and are followed by live music. For a full program please go to www.wintergamesnz.com/ party.

Winter Games NZ Closing Concert

The 100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games closing concert will feature a prominent New Zealand Band, The Black Seeds. The band was formed in 1998 and quickly developed a reputation as the NZ's ultimate good groove band. The Black Seeds produce a uniquely Pacifica blend of soul, funk, reggae and dub sounds that have cemented the band's position as one of the country's leading live outfits.

The concert will take place in the Lake Wanaka Centre on the 28th August 2011. Tickets will be available online through the link on the Winter Games NZ website www.wintergamesnz.com.

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. For special rates on group bookings please contact Lauren Park, lauren.park@airnz.co.nz quoting Winter Games NZ or call +64 (0)9 3362408. We recommend that you fly into Queenstown.

Car/Van Transport

We strongly recommend that teams organize 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. 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 stoked to be involved with the Winter Games and has an awesome JUCY deal for you. Use promo code WINTERGAMES when booking online at www.jucy.co.nz to receive 20% off any JUCY ride in New Zealand.

If your team require to the official WSF Para- Snowboard X World Cup transportation, please contact Libby Blackley on libby@snowsports.co.nz.

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

Athletes and team officials who wish to book through the official WSF Para-Snowboard World Cup accommodation will be staying at The Grand Mercure Oakridge Resort which is the official hotel accommodation providers for the 100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games.

As per WSF rules on accommodation and half board (breakfast and dinner), each athlete and team official will pay 65 Euro per person per night. Accommodation at the WSF recommended rate will be provided only for the nights of August 15th to August 18th 2011 inclusive.

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 15th 2011**. 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 August 15th to August 18th 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 15th** 2011 (NZ time), to ensure availability and to secure the booking.

If you wish to stay additional nights you will need to organize this directly through Oakridge Reservations. Please contact Lottie at Oakridge for more information.

Visas

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.

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 race), 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

Monday 15th August, Official Arrival Day

09.00-19.00 Lake Wanaka Centre Event Office opening hours

Tuesday 16th August, Classification Day

09.00-19.00 Lake Wanaka Centre Event Office opening hours

14.00 Para-Snowboard Classification at Lake Wanaka Centre

18.30 Team Captain's Meeting at Lake Wanaka Centre, Wanaka

Wednesday 17th August, WSF Para-Snowboard Course Inspection Day

09.00-19.00 Lake Wanaka Centre Event Office opening hours

08.30 Lifts Open

13.30- 15.00 Course inspection

17.30 Team Captain's Meeting at Lake Wanaka Centre, Wanaka
Bib Draw

Thursday 18th August, WSF Para-Snowboard Competition Day

09.00-19.00 Lake Wanaka Centre Event Office opening hours

08.00 Lifts open

08.30 - 09.00 Course Inspection

09.00 - 10.00 Official training

10.00 - 12.00 3 x time trials runs

12.00 -12.30 Able body course reset and inspection

12.30 - 14.30 Able body training

17.00 Awards Ceremony, Lakefront, Wanaka

Sunday 28th August Official Departure day

09.00-19.00 Lake Wanaka Centre Event Office opening hours

