

COMPETITOR INFORMATION
NZ FREESTYLE NATIONALS
30th SEPTEMBER – 4th OCTOBER 2024
CARDRONA ALPINE RESORT

EVENT DESCRIPTION

This winter the NZ Freestyle National Champs is scheduled over 5 days which includes a weather day. This event awards NZ National Titles for skiers & snowboarders under the age of 16 in Ski & Snowboard-cross, Slopestyle & Half Pipe plus overall combined results. The Nationals also includes a rail Jam for Junior ages only. During the Nationals event the Open (FIS) Divisions will also be competing in Big Air, Slopestyle & Halfpipe, however their schedule differs from the dates below. The week concludes with an after party and overall awards (non-FIS) at Apres in Wanaka.

Sat 28th August	All discipline training. 6pm Team Captains Meeting Apres Wanaka
Sun 29th August	Practice / training Bib collection 12-4pm Slopeside Guest services on mtn.
Mon 30th August	U8 – 10 Snowboard Slopestyle (Lil Bucks Park) U12 – U16 Snowboard Slopestyle (Antlers Alley Park) U8 – U16 Ski-Cross (Gravity Course)
Tuesday 1st October	U8 – U10 Ski Slopestyle (Lil Bucks Park) U12 – U16 Ski Slopestyle (Antlers Alley Park) U8 – U16 Snowboard-Cross (Gravity Cross)
Wednesday 2nd October	U8 – U12 Ski & Snowboard Halfpipe (International Pipe) U14 – U16 Ski & Snowboard Halfpipe (Olympic Pipe)
Thursday 3rd October	U8 – U16 Rail Jam (McPark Feature)
Friday 4th October	Weather Day, Overall Awards and afterparty at Apres, Wanaka

HOW TO ENTER

All competitors must be members of Snow Sports NZ, and all entries are completed through the [SSNZ website here](#). There will be no “on the day” (OTD) entries! Entries close 5pm Wednesday 25th September 2024.

EVENT ENTRY & LIFT PASSES

Individual event entry - \$55	Competitor Child lift passes - \$65
Adult Competitor & Parent Lift Pass - \$125	Coaches with 8 athletes FOC (1:8 ratio)

AGE DIVISIONS - Year of Birth

U8 2017, 2018	U10 2015, 2016	U12 2013, 2014
U14 2011, 2012	U16 2009, 2010	

U16 competitors who choose to compete in the Open (FIS) disciplines forfeit their ability to compete in their age divisions and are not eligible for Overall NZ titles. The NZ Freestyle Nationals overall titles are calculated by combined rankings from Ski/Snowboard-cross, Slopestyle and Halfpipe only.



TEAM CAPTAIN'S MEETINGS & BIB COLLECTION

Competitors will be able to collect their bibs and lift passes from Saturday 28th September from mid-day till 4pm at the Slope-side Guest Services office on the mountain. Competitor bibs will be assigned to athletes for the entire event. The riders briefing will be held at 6pm on Saturday 28th September to Cardrona Apres building at 50 Cardrona Valley Road in Wanaka. This briefing will be recorded and uploaded onto the Freestyle Nationals Facebook event page and Snow Sports NZ for everyone to view. Riders who are unable to collect their bibs in advance are encouraged to have someone collect their bibs on their behalf to avoid delays in the morning.

DAILY EVENT SCHEDULE

6.00am Snow reports & event update
 8.30am Lifts open for everyone
 8.45am Competitor briefing top of course
 9.00am Courses open for competitor inspection
 9.45am Start of competition &/or training
 3.30pm Results & Awards Presentation (Cardrona Courtyard)

Note: A detailed daily competition schedule will be distributed at the TCM when final entries are confirmed. The schedule is subject to change, please check the WhatsApp group for updates.

DAILY COMMUNICATION

Communication during the event will be through the NZ Freestyle Nationals WhatsApp Group. WhatsApp group [here](#) or scan the QR code below.



(U8-U16) Cardrona Freestyle Nationals
 WhatsApp group



EVENT FORMATS & RULES

Slopestyle: Two judged runs best score counts (straight finals).

SX/SBX: Single run time trial qualifier to seed riders for ¼, Semis or Final rounds. (No race suits!)

Halfpipe: Two judged runs best score counts (straight finals).

Park Rail Jam: Jam format within each age division. 1st to 3rd place receive podium awards and prizes.





AWARDS

There will be a daily awards presentation held in the Cardrona Courtyard at the conclusion of each event, NZ titles will be awarded to 1st – 3rd in each age division & discipline. Overall NZ Titles will be announced at the After-party scheduled for 6:30pm, Friday 4th October at Apres.

WEATHER POSTPONEMENTS

If an event is postponed, it will move to the postponement day and the dates for the remaining disciplines will remain the same. In the event of multiple postponements an athletes/coaches meeting will be scheduled after the awards to discuss any schedule changes.

MEDIA

We will be filming and photographing throughout the event to create content and celebrate the Freestyle Nationals. If you do not wish to be filmed or photographed, please email media@snowsports.co.nz before entries close on Wednesday 25th September 2024.

