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COMPETITOR INFORMATION

NZ FREESTYLE NATIONALS

26th SEPTEMBER – 4th OCTOBER 2025 CARDRONA ALPINE RESORT

EVENT DESCRIPTION

This winter the NZ Freestyle National Champs is scheduled over 7 days which includes 2 weather day. This event awards NZ National Titles for skiers & snowboarders under the age of 16 in Ski & Snowboard-cross, Slopestyle & Half Pipe. There is also a recreational rail jam. Combined results also (excluding the rail jam) determine the New Zealand Overall National titles, which are presented to each age division at the final awards and afterparty. Included in the Nationals event schedule is FIS (Open age) competitions in Big Air, Slopestyle & Halfpipe disciplines. FIS points are awarded for the ANC disciplines only. FIS points provide international rankings for competitors aiming to compete in World Cup competition and the Olympic Games.

SCHEDULE

Fri 26th Sept

12 – 4pm Bib collection on mtn in Slopeside guest services
6pm All Age Divisions Team Captains Meeting Apres Wanaka,

Sat 27th Sept

Snowboard SLOPESTYLE – U8 – U10, U12 – U16 competitors

6:00am Snow report online
8:30am McDougall's Chairlift & Lil bucks course open for competitors only
8:45am U8 - U10 competitors briefing top of course (Lil Bucks)
8.50am Start of training
9am U12 – U16 competitor briefing top of course (Stag Lane/Antlers)
9.05am Stag antlers open for training (1.5 hours)
9.30am Start of judged runs for U8 – U10 (Lil Bucks)
11:15am Stag / Antlers scheduled maintenance
11:30am U12 – U14 – U16 Judge run 1 (Stag/Antlers)
12pm Stag Antlers scheduled maintenance
12.15pm U12 – U14 – U16 Judge run 2

Awards ceremony in Courtyard approx. 1 hour after competition finishes

Ski – CROSS –

8.15am McDougalls opens for competitors (must be wearing bib)
8:30am Competitor briefing top of the Gravity-cross course
8:35am Course inspection - 1 slow slip lap followed by 1 speed inspection (youngest to oldest)
9.15am Time trials (single timed run to determine pairings & lane choice)
10am Qualification results & eliminations pairings posted, top of course

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Sun 28th Sept

Ski SLOPESTYLE – U8 – U10, U12 – U16 competitors

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12.15pm

U12 – U14 – U16 Judge run 2

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Mon 29th Sept

FIS ANC HP – 42 Ski, 15 SB,

- 6.00am Snow report
- 7.30am Platter opens
- 7.45am Start of Men's training
- 8.15am Course maintenance if required
- 8.30am Start of Men's 2 judged runs
- 9.50am Course maintenance
- 10am Start of Women's training
- 10.30am Course maintenance
- 10.35am Start of Women's 2 judged runs

Awards ceremony in Courtyard approx. 1 hour after competition finishes

Age Division HP U8 – U12 – International Half Pipe – 53 competitors 23 SB, 28 Ski

- 6.00am Snow report
- 8.15am Start of training
- 9am Course maintenance if required
- 9.10am Start of judged run 1
- 10.15am Course Maintenance if needed
- 10.15am Start of judged run 2

Age Division HP U14 – U16 – Olympic Half Pipe – 27 competitors, 15 SB, 12 Ski

- 12.15pm Athletes to the top of Half Pipe
- 12.20pm Start of training
- 12.50pm Course slip and salt
- 1pm Start of judged runs

Awards ceremony in Courtyard approx. 1 hour after competition finishes

Tues 30th Sept

Age Division and ANC HP Weather Day

- 6pm FIS ANC Team Captains Meeting for Slopestyle

Wed 1st October

FIS ANC Slopestyle – Men's Qualifiers

Thurs 2nd Oct

FIS ANC Slopestyle – Finals

Rail Jam (U8 – U16) McPark

- 10am All riders briefing top of rails (outside the start corral)
- 10.10am U8 and U10 Jam - 22 competitors
- 11am U12 Jam - 22 competitors
- 11.50am Maintenance
- 12pm U14 & U16 Jam 25 competitors





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Friday 3rd October

FIS ANC Big Air

Age Division Weather Day,

Overall Awards for Age Division Nationals and Afterparty at Apres, Wanaka 6pm

Saturday 4th October

FIS ANC Weather Day

HOW TO ENTER

All competitors must be members of Snow Sports NZ for National Rankings. Membership and entries are completed through the [SSNZ website here](#). On the day" (OTD) entries may receive a late fee and are subject to available spaces within each division. Entries close 5pm Friday 19th September 2025. (5 days prior to the event).

EVENT ENTRY & LIFT PASSES

Individual event entry - \$55

Competitor Child lift passes - \$70

Adult Competitor & Parent Lift Pass - \$135

Coaches with 8 athletes FOC (1:8 ratio)

AGE DIVISIONS - Year of Birth

U8 2018, 2019

U10 2017, 2016

U12 2015, 2014

U14 2012, 2013

U16 2010, 2011

TEAM CAPTAIN'S MEETINGS & BIB COLLECTION

Competitors will be able to collect their bibs and lift passes from Friday 26th 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 Friday 26th 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 COMMUNICATION

Communication during the event will be through the NZ Freestyle Nationals WhatsApp Group.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/IA9yiq6xzRF3AF2C95Abax>

Cardrona NZ Freestyle Nationals
Age Division Communications
WhatsApp group



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ANC Communications
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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).

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

Park Rail Jam: Jam format within each age division

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 2025.