

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 and 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

All Age Divisions Team Captains Meeting at Apres, Wanaka, Bib collection 12-4 pm on the mountain.

Sat 27th Sept

U8 – U10 Snowboard Slopestyle (Lil Bucks Park)
U12 – U16 Snowboard Slopestyle (Stag / Antlers)
U8 – U16 Ski-Cross (Gravity-cross course)

Sun 28th Sept

U8 – U10 Ski Slopestyle (Lil Bucks Park)
U12 – U16 Ski Slopestyle (Stag / Antlers Alley)
U8 – U16 Snowboard-Cross (Gravity Cross)
FIS ANC Team Captains Meeting for Half Pipe

Mon 29th Sept

ANC Ski & Snowboard Half Pipe
U14 – U16 Ski & Snowboard Halfpipe (Olympic Pipe)
U8 – U12 Ski & Snowboard Halfpipe (International Pipe)

Tues 30th Sept

ANC and Age Divisions HP Weather Day
FIS ANC Team Captains Meeting for Slopestyle

Wed 1st Oct

ANC Slopestyle
FIS ANC Team Captains Meeting for Big Air

Thurs 2nd Oct

ANC Big Air
U8 – U16 Rail Jam (McPark)

Friday 3rd Oct

Weather Day
Overall Awards for Age Division Nationals and Afterparty at Apres, Wanaka

Saturday 4th Oct

FIS ANC Weather Day

HOW TO ENTER

All competitors must be members of Snow Sports NZ. 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 Thursday 22nd September 2025.

EVENT ENTRY & LIFT PASSES

Individual Event Entry - \$55

Adult Competitor & Parent Lift Pass - \$135

Competitor Child lift passes - \$70

Coaches with 8 athletes FOC (1:8 ratio)

AGE DIVISIONS - Year of Birth

U8 2018, 2019

U10 2016, 2017

U12 2014, 2015

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



Cardrona NZ FIS ANC
WhatsApp group



<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BnudNGtKvPHFMSXDZr5rBL>

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 3rd 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: Photography and videography will be captured through out the 2025 Cardrona Freestyle Nationals at both on snow and off snow events. These images will be used to promote freeskiing and snowboarding in New Zealand and the Cardrona Freestyle Nationals event by Cardrona Alpine Resorts, Snow Sports NZ and any other partners or sponsors connected to the event. The images will be shared with all competitors for competitor use post competition via the WhatsApp Groups. Please email media@snowsports.co.nz if you do not wish to have your photograph taken or filmed for the video edits.