

2009
2010
2011
2012
2013
2014
2015
2016
2017
2018



AUSTRALIA
NEW ZEALAND
CUP



2019

AUG 23 - SEPT 7

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

INVITATION & RACE NOTICE



AUSTRALIA
NEW ZEALAND
CUP



Kia ora Cross Country Ski Racing Nations,

We are delighted to invite all cross country skiers to New Zealand for the Winter Games NZ 2019, which marks ten years since the inaugural Games were held in 2009. From August 23rd to September 7th over 800 of the world's best winter sports athletes will descend on New Zealand to compete in 26 events across 9 different sports.

The Winter Games NZ 2019 sports programme once again includes the final races on the FIS Cross Country Australia New Zealand Cup series. Racing will take place at Snow Farm NZ, Wanaka which is New Zealand's only Nordic Ski area and provides 55km of groomed trails for both classic and skating and is a popular training ground for some of the top Olympic athletes from around the world.

Entries for the FIS Cross Country Australia New Zealand Cup Races are now open and can be made on the [FIS Race Entry Form](#) and returned to Winter Games NZ Cross Country Manager Colleen Nisbet at colleen@wintergamesnz.kiwi.

Please also contact Colleen with any questions you may have. Our team is here to help.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Winter Games NZ.

Ngā mihi,

Marty Toomey
Chief Executive



AUSTRALIA
NEW ZEALAND
CUP



The 7th edition of the **Winter Games NZ** will take place over a 16 day period from **23 August - 7 September 2019** and will feature elite winter sports competitions in Alpine & Para Alpine Skiing, **Cross Country Skiing**, Curling, Ice Hockey, Freeride, Freeski & Snowboard.

Invitation contents

Dates & Venues	4
Race Notice	5-6
Athlete Welcome & Other Events	7
Media & Social Media	8
Travel, Logistics & Accommodation	9-12

Local Organising Committee Contact Info:

Cross Country Manager	Colleen Nisbet	colleen@wintergamesnz.kiwi
Sports Manager	Tim Coltman	tim@wintergamesnz.kiwi
Travel & Accommodation	Jane Todd	jane@wintergamesnz.kiwi
Comms & Marketing Manager	Sophie Luther	sophie@wintergamesnz.kiwi

Winter Games NZ
PO Box 389, Lake Wanaka, New Zealand
Email: info@wintergamesnz.kiwi

DATES & VENUES

FIS Cross Country Australia New Zealand Cup Races

Event order subject to change

Training Day	2 September
Freestyle Interval Start	3 September
Classic Sprint	4 September
Classic Mass Start	5 September
Weather Day	6 September

Host Towns & Venues

The Winter Games NZ is based across the 3 towns of Queenstown, Wanaka and Naseby in the South Island of New Zealand. The Curling Tournament will take place in the Maniototo Curling Rink in Naseby and the Trans-Tasman Challenge Ice Hockey matches will be played at the Queenstown Ice Arena. The mountain events are held at Cardrona Alpine Resort (Freeski, Snowboarding & Para Alpine Skiing), Coronet Peak (Alpine & Para Alpine Skiing), The Remarkables (Freeride) and Snow Farm NZ (Cross Country Skiing).

Venue

[Snow Farm NZ](#) will host will host the FIS Cross Country Ski Racing Australia New Zealand Cup Races and is one of the largest cross country ski areas in the Southern Hemisphere with over 50km of groomed trails for all abilities, set high in the Pisa Range with spectacular views over Mount Aspiring National Park. It is a 35 minute drive from Wanaka and a 60 minute drive from Queenstown township and International Airport.

RACE NOTICE

Technical Director

Seraina Mischol (SUI)

Programme

Event order subject to change

Monday 2 September	Training Day
Tuesday 3 September	Freestyle Interval Start 5/10km
Wednesday 4 September	Classic Sprint
Thursday 5 September	Classic Mass Start 10/15km
Friday 6 September	Weather Day

Team Captain's Meetings

All Team Captain's Meetings (TCM) will be held at the Snow Farm Lodge.

Sunday 1 September - 5pm	TCM & Coaches Welcome Drinks
Monday 2 September - 2.30pm	TCM
Tuesday 3 September - 2.30pm	TCM
Wednesday 4 September - 2.30pm	TCM

Race Office

Enquiries prior to the first TCM can be made by contacting Cross Country Manager Colleen Nisbet at colleen@wintergamesnz.kiwi

Entries

All entries must be made through the athlete's National Ski Organisation and must be made on the official [FIS Race Entry Form](#) and returned to Cross Country Manager Colleen Nisbet at colleen@wintergamesnz.kiwi

Entry Deadline

Entries close at **3pm Friday 30 August 2019.**

Entry Fees

There are no entry fees.

Bibs

Training and competition bibs will be allocated at the Team Captain's Meetings. It is mandatory that all competitors wear their bibs during all official training and competition days.

Eligibility

Refer to the [FIS Continental Cup Rules](#).

Sanctioning

The Cross Country events are sanctioned at FIS Continental Cup level. All athletes must have a valid FIS license to compete.

Sanctioning

Medal ceremonies will take place on mountain at the end of each competition final. Podium placing athletes are obligated to attend these ceremonies and should be available for media interviews and athlete signings immediately after the awards.

ATHLETE WELCOME & OTHER EVENTS

Athlete Welcome

Tēnā koutou katoa. Nau mai haere mai! Greetings to you all. Welcome! Winter Games NZ invites all athletes, teams and officials to a mihi whakatau (Māori welcoming ceremony) to celebrate coming together for the Winter Games NZ 2019.

Please join us to experience a uniquely New Zealand welcome and enjoy food prepared in a traditional hāngī (earth oven).

When: Thursday 22 August, 3.45pm

Where: Lake Wanaka Centre, 89 Ardmore Street, Wanaka

We'd love to see as many of you there as possible. More information will be sent closer to the time.

Other Events

The Merino Muster

The Merino Muster is New Zealand's event on the Worldloppet Cross Country Ski Racing Tour. The 25th edition of the event will be held at Snowfarm NZ on Saturday 31 August and will include 42km, 21km and 7km distances.



For more details and entry information please go to www.merinomuster.com

MEDIA & SOCIAL MEDIA

Welcome to the seventh edition of the Winter Games NZ! We are stoked to have you part of the Games and look forward to welcoming you all to our beautiful country Aotearoa, New Zealand and hosting you in Queenstown, Wanaka and Naseby this winter.

We are planning an even bigger and better Winter Games NZ 2019 with an action packed sports programme made up of 26 events across 9 different sports. The Winter Games NZ is proud to attract 6 out of the top 10 athletes in each of the World Cup disciplines and predict a talented field of internationals for the ANC competitions.

The Winter Games NZ media team's focus is on you, our athletes. You are an integral part of everything we do and we are keen to work with everyone on media opportunities and sharing the content from the Games.

Our social media channels and website will be where you find the latest videos, images, news and results from our media team across every venue. We are focusing on getting the content out as quick as possible and showcasing you guys to the world!

We will be utilising [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) to distribute blow by blow live daily updates. Our Facebook page will host the latest news and videos. While our Instagram will feature the best images of the day and will also host an epic Instagram story. [Twitter](#) will post short sharp news to keep you up to date.

We would love to spread your content as well, so please do tag us in and use our hashtag on all social media channels so we can find it! [#WGNZ](#) and [@WinterGamesNZ](#)

We will have an Athlete Content Portal again this year for you to download images, which you can share with the world. All we ask is for you to use our hashtag and our social handle to tag us in, easy as! We will be sending more info out for this in the coming months.

Our Communications and Marketing Manager, Sophie Luther would love to hear from you if you are keen on working together on content, so please do get in touch with her on sophie@wintergamesnz.kiwi

TRAVEL, LOGISTICS & ACCOMMODATION

Visas

New Zealand has a special policy for athletes, coaches, administrators, officials and support staff visiting the country to participate in sporting events. Please check with NZ Immigration to find out if visitors from your country require a visitor visa to enter New Zealand. Information and application forms for visitor visas are available on www.immigration.govt.nz or from New Zealand and Australian Consulates, Embassies or High commissions.

Liability & Insurance

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 competition), 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.

Air travel

We recommend that you book your flights as early as possible and fly into Queenstown or Christchurch depending on your travel plans. Air New Zealand, Jetstar, Qantas and Virgin Australia are the only airlines flying directly into Queenstown. However many others come into Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.

Car/Van Transport

We highly recommend that teams organise their own transport to ensure full control over movement to and from the resort. There are a number of rental companies close to the Queenstown International Airport that have a range of car and van options to suit everyone's budget.

Ezi Car Rental www.ezicarrental.co.nz

GO Rentals www.gorentals.co.nz

Accommodation

The [Snow Farm Lodge](http://www.snowfarmlodge.com) is the perfect cross country skiing training base with accommodation, waxing space, gym facilities and restaurant conveniently all on mountain. For booking enquiries please contact info@snowfarmlodge.com

We strongly recommend that teams identify and book their own accommodation. For all other accommodation enquiries please contact Jane Todd on jane@wintergamesnz.kiwi.

Rental Houses or Apartments

It's possible to rent houses or apartments on short or long term basis in all townships. Most teams book houses as it is the most available and cost effective option. Most of the houses would be a minimum rental of 5-7 days.

Holiday Houses NZ www.holidayhouses.co.nz

Bookabach www.bookabach.co.nz

Airbnb www.airbnb.com

Hotels and Motels

Wanaka

Oakridge Resort
Wyndham Resort
Wanaka Hotel
Lake Hawea Hotel
Te Wanaka Lodge
For more options please visit:

www.oakridge.co.nz
www.wyndhamap.com
www.wanakahotel.co.nz
www.lakehawea.co.nz
www.tewanaka.co.nz
www.lakewanaka.co.nz

Cardrona

Benbrae Lodge
Cardrona Villas
Cardrona Hotel

www.benbrae.co.nz
www.cardronavillas.co.nz
www.cardronahotel.co.nz

Queenstown

Swiss-Belresort Coronet Peak
Rydges Queenstown
QT Hotels
For more listings please visit:

www.swiss-belresortcoronetpeak.com
www.rydges.com
www.qthotelsandresorts.com
www.queenstownnz.co.nz

Additional Services

Snow Report/Weather

[Snow Farm NZ:](#)
[Metservice:](#)

Wanaka
National

Fitness Gyms

[Proactive24](#)
[Snap Fitness](#)
[Alpine Health & Fitness](#)
[Snap Fitness](#)

Wanaka
Wanaka
Queenstown
Queenstown

Physiotherapists

[Wanaka Physiotherapy](#)
[The Physio Room](#)
[Queenstown Health](#)
[Remarkable Physios](#)

Wanaka
Wanaka
Queenstown
Queenstown

Massage

[Body Workshop](#)
[Wanaka Sports Massage](#)
[Remedial Massage](#)
[Massage Clinic QT](#)

Wanaka
Wanaka
Queenstown
Queenstown

Ski & Board Tuning

[Racers Edge](#)
[The Wax Room](#)
[Snowboard Workshop](#)
[Browns Ski Shop](#)

Wanaka
Wanaka
Queenstown
Queenstown

WANAKA & QUEENSTOWN

Located in the stunning alps of the South Island, New Zealand, visitors from around the world are drawn to the region by its outstanding beauty. Hot dry summers, cool autumns, lush spring and crisp cold winters make it a year-round destination and the ultimate base for outdoor activities.

Wanaka is home to two world-class ski areas Cardrona and Treble Cone, New Zealand's only cross country ski field Snow Farm, the private ski area of Soho Basin, and boasts access to the largest heli-ski terrain in the Southern Hemisphere.

Nestled alongside the pristine waters of Lake Wakatipu and surrounded by majestic, snowcapped mountains, Queenstown is a ski and winter destination offering a wide range of terrain for all abilities across The Remarkables and Coronet Peak ski areas.

You'll also discover a huge range of off mountain activities including adrenalin-pumping adventure, lake cruises, excellent cafes & restaurants, craft breweries and award-winning wineries. The Southern Lakes region is literally paradise for those passionate about winter sports.

Visit [Lake Wanaka Tourism](#) and [Destination Queenstown](#) for further information.

