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WINTER GAMES NZ.

**2 SEPTEMBER -
8 SEPTEMBER 2023**



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Kia Ora Freeride Skiers and Snowboarders,

We are delighted to invite all freeriders to New Zealand for the Winter Games NZ 2023.

From September 2nd-8th The North Face Frontier once again includes the 2* and 4* Freeride World Tour Qualifier sanctioned events and provides the perfect springboard to earning a highly sought after spot on the Freeride World Tour. We have loved seeing so many athletes who have competed in previous editions of The North Face Frontier go on to have success on the Freeride World Tour. The Remarkables Ski Area will once again host The North Face Frontier and is home to spectacular and challenging big mountain terrain and is an easy 40 minute drive from downtown Queenstown. Entries for both events will open online on the Freeride World Tour website from the 1st of July, 2023 at 12:00 CET.

Please contact Winter Games NZ Freeride Manager Jo Guest on jo@wintergamesnz.kiwi with any questions you may have. Our team is here to help.

Ngā mihi,

Marty Toomey
Chief Executive



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DATES & VENUES

Both events will be held on the best competition day during the weather windows outlined below:

Dates

Freeride World Tour Qualifier 2* Saturday September 2nd – Wednesday September 6th, 2023

Freeride World Tour Qualifier 4* Sunday September 3rd – Friday September 8th, 2023

Venue

The Remarkables Ski Area will host The North Face Frontier and is one of two ski fields in Queenstown, New Zealand. The excellent facilities and spectacular big mountain terrain of The Remarkables promise to provide the perfect platform for athletes to put on a spectacular show.

The 2* venue will be hosted in Shadow Basin.

The 4* venue is back in the iconic Alta Chutes.

EVENT INFORMATION

Entries Open 1 July 2023 at 12:00 CET and close on 1 August 2023 at 24:00 CET

2* Freeride World Tour Qualifier

This is an entry level FWT event, with 80 spots available across ski and snowboard, men and women.

Maximum entries - 80 riders

Age- over 18 only

Entry fee - €45 (\$74 NZD) + FWT license fee of €25 (\$41 NZD) for one event or €70 (\$115 NZD) for season license, (2 or more events)

Entry via - [FWT Website](#)

On the day entries are not permitted

Liability & Insurance

All athletes 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, officials or other persons 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.

4* Freeride World Tour Qualifier

This event will accept the 50 highest ranked athletes that enter. 8 spots will be held open in the 4* for the top 3 ski men, 2 ski women, 2 snowboard men & 1 snowboard woman from the 2* event. These eight competitors will receive a refund of their entry fee from the 4* (or free entry if not already registered.)

Maximum entries - 50 riders

Age- over 18 only

Entry fee- €55 (\$91 NZD) + FWT license fee of €25 (\$41 NZD) for one event or €70 (\$113 NZD) for season license, (2 or more events)

Entry via - [FWT Website](#)

On the day entries are not permitted

EVENT INFORMATION

Compulsory Equipment

As per the FWT Rules, all competitors must carry or wear an avalanche transceiver, probe, shovel, back protection, RECCO reflector and helmet. RECCO reflectors will be handed out at registration.

Membership

Every rider must be a FWT member with a valid 2024 license in order to sign up for the event/s. These licenses can be purchased through the FWT online registration platform [here](#). For FWT riders the one event license costs 25 EUR (approx. \$41 NZD) and the full tour license is 70 EUR (approx. \$113 NZD). If you are planning to do the 2* and 4* but not travel on the tour, you will still need the full tour license.

Lift Passes

Lift passes are FOC for each event day for all registered riders. They should be collected on mountain from The Remarkables Ski Area ticketing desk on the day of competition. Lift passes will be available pre event for a 50% discounted rate from the start of the competition window until the athlete's event is completed. This deal is not available after the event if finished even if still within the weather window.

Bib Collection

It is mandatory that all competitors wear their assigned bib during official competition days and at award ceremonies. All 2* competitors must return their bib at the end of the completion as these will then be used for the 4* event.

2* Bib Collection

Wānaka - Friday 1st September 5-7pm, B.Social Bar, Wanaka
Queenstown - The Remarkables Ski Area - morning of event

4* Bib Collection

The Remarkables Ski Area - morning of event

Event Format

One judged run each per competition.

For all the rules and official guidelines see **RIDERS RULES REGION 1 (EUROPE OCEANIA ASIA)** here

<https://www.freerideworldtour.com/membership-athlete-rulebooks>
(<https://www.freerideworldtour.com/membership-athlete-rulebooks>)

EVENT SCHEDULE for 2* and 4*

The daily schedule may change depending on weather, snow condition and competitor numbers. Any changes will be announced at the riders' briefing.

Provisional Schedule

06:30 Weather Update on- The North face Frontier [Facebook](#)

08:00 Rider's briefing in The Remarkables Café

08:30 Inspection starts

09:30 Inspection ends

09:40 Women Snowboard

10:25 Men Snowboard

12:10 Women Ski

13:25 Men Ski

15:30 Awards at The Remarkables Cafe

Prize Money for 4* event

Total prize pool for 4* \$18,000

We are once again awarding equal prize money for the 4* across both Ski and Snowboard for Men and Women.

1st - \$2,000 NZD

2nd - \$1,500 NZD

3rd - \$1000 NZD

Award Ceremonies

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

After Party

The North Face Frontier after party will be held on the evening of the 4* event. More details to come soon.



MEDIA & SOCIAL MEDIA

Welcome to Winter Games NZ! We are stoked to have you as part of the Games and look forward to welcoming you all to our beautiful country Aotearoa, New Zealand this winter.

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. With a team of videographers and photographers, we will capture plenty of epic content that we want to share with you!

Our social media channels will be where you find the latest videos, images, news and results from our media team. We are focusing on getting the content out as quick as possible and showcasing you guys to the world! 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! **@WinterGamesNZ & #WGNZ**

We will have access to images and video edits for you to share. All we ask is for you to **please give @wintergamesnz credit and mention the event in your caption!** Closer to the event we will provide you with links to content.

If you have any questions, ideas or content requests please get in touch with our Communications and Media Manager Britt Hawes on britt@wintergamesnz.kiwi

TRAVEL & ACCOMODATION

Hotels and Motels

Queenstown

Swiss-Belresort Coronet Peak

www.swiss-belresortcoronetpeak.com

Rydges Queenstown

www.rydges.com

QT Hotels

www.qthotelsandresorts.com

For more listings please visit:

www.queenstownnz.co.nz

Wānaka

Oakridge Resort

www.oakridge.co.nz

Wyndham Resort

www.wyndhamap.com

Lake Hāwea Hotel

www.lakehawe.co.nz

Te Wānaka Lodge

www.tewanaka.co.nz

For more options please visit:

www.lakewanaka.co.nz

Cardrona

Benbrae Lodge

www.benbrae.co.nz

Cardrona Villas

www.cardronavillas.co.nz

Cardrona Hotel

www.cardronahotel.co.nz

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

Rental Houses or Apartments

It's possible to rent houses or apartments on short or long term basis in both Wānaka and Queenstown. 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.co.nz

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Snow Report/Weather

[The Remarkables Ski Area Snow Report](#)
[MetService - The Remarkables](#)

Fitness Gyms

Alpine Health & Fitness Queenstown
Snap Fitness Queenstown
NRG Wānaka
Snap Fitness Wānaka

Massage

Massage Clinic QT
Wānaka Sports Massage
Wānaka Remedial Massage

Physiotherapists

Health Queenstown
Remarkable Physios Queenstown
Physiotherapy Wānaka
The Physio Room Wānaka

Ski & Board Tuning

Snowboard Workshop Queenstown
Browns Ski Shop Queenstown
Racers Edge Wānaka
The Wax Room Wānaka

QUEENSTOWN & WĀNAKA

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.

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

Wānaka is home to local ski areas Cardrona Alpine Resort and Treble Cone Ski Area, 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.

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 Wānaka Tourism](#) and [Destination Queenstown](#) for further information.



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