



**AUGUST 23 - 29 2024**

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**FRONTIER**

**WINTER GAMES NZ.**



Kia ora Freeride Skiers and Snowboarders,

We are delighted to welcome all freeriders back to New Zealand for Winter Games NZ 2024.

From 23rd-29th August The North Face Frontier once again includes both 2\* and 4\* Freeride World Tour Qualifier sanctioned events and provides the perfect springboard to earning a spot on the Freeride World Tour. We love seeing 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. The Remarkables ski area is an easy 40 minute drive from downtown Queenstown and 1.5 hrs from Wānaka. Entries for both events will open online on the Freeride World Tour website from the 1st of July, 2024 at 12:00 CET.

Please contact Winter Games NZ Freeride Manager Jo Guest on [jo@wintergamesnz.kiwi](mailto: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\*      Friday 23rd August – Monday 26th August 2024

Freeride World Tour Qualifier 4\*      Saturday 24th August – Thursday 29th August 2024

### 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 and the 4\* venue is back in the iconic Alta Chutes.

Many athletes stay in Wānaka and travel over to The Remarkables for the events. The bib collection and afterparty will be in Wānaka so if you're looking to book accommodation then it's worth looking at options in there.

## EVENT INFORMATION

Entries Open 1 July 2024 at 12:00 CET and close on 25 July 2024 at 24:00 CET

### 2\* FWT Qualifier

This is an entry level FWT event with 100 spots available across ski and snowboard, men and women.

**Maximum entries** - 100 riders

**Age**- over 18 only

**Entry fee** - €50 (\$87 NZD) + FWT license fee of €30 for one event or €80 for season license, (2 or more events)

Entry via - [FWT Website](#)

On the day entries are not permitted

### 4\* FWT Qualifier

This event will accept the 60 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** - 60 riders

**Age**- over 18 only

**Entry fee**- €60 (\$107 NZD) + FWT license fee of €30 for one event or €80 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.

## 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 competition as these will then be used for the 4\* event.

### 2\* Bib Collection

Wānaka - Thursday 22nd Aug 5-7pm in, Wanaka- location TBC  
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>

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## 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.



## SUSTAINABILITY

Kia ora koutou Athletes,

As we gear up for the 2024 Winter Games NZ, let's band together and make sustainability a priority!

We're kindly asking all athletes and teams to BYO keep cups for those much-needed coffees and to opt for reusable drink bottles, perfect for refilling at water stations provided by our resort partners.

When it comes to munchies on the mountain, let's go waste-free whenever we can. And hey, why not carpool with your fellow athletes? Less emissions, plus a primo parking spot – it's a win-win!

Thinking about transportation? If we get enough interest, we will work with our resort partners to see if we can organise transport up and down the mountain during the event.

Thanks a bunch for being sustainability champs during Winter Games NZ! Your efforts mean the world to us, and together, we're paving the way for greener mountains and happier environments for generations to come.

Catch you on the slopes!

Cheers,

The Winter Games NZ Crew





## MEDIA & SOCIAL MEDIA

Welcome to Winter Games NZ! 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 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 quickly as possible and showcasing you all to the world!

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

We will have images for you to share, 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 leading up to the Games.

### **Team and Personal Media**

If you are planning to bring a photographer, videographer or media team with you or know of someone wishing to cover the events, please note that they need to be accredited by the Winter Games NZ Media team.

Media accreditation will open in July on our website, but feel free to put them in touch with Britt Hawes, Communications & Media Manager prior to this for more information on the event.

## TRAVEL & ACCOMODATION

Hotels and Motels- many Freeride athletes stay in Wānaka rather than Queenstown

Queenstown  
Swiss-Belresort Coronet Peak [www.swiss-belresortcoronetpeak.com](http://www.swiss-belresortcoronetpeak.com)  
Rydges Queenstown [www.rydges.com](http://www.rydges.com)  
QT Hotels [www.qthotelsandresorts.com](http://www.qthotelsandresorts.com)  
For more listings please visit: [www.queenstownnz.co.nz](http://www.queenstownnz.co.nz)

Wānaka  
Oakridge Resort [www.oakridge.co.nz](http://www.oakridge.co.nz)  
Wyndham Resort [www.wyndhamap.com](http://www.wyndhamap.com)  
Lake Hāwea Hotel [www.lakehawe.co.nz](http://www.lakehawe.co.nz)  
Te Wānaka Lodge [www.tewanaka.co.nz](http://www.tewanaka.co.nz)  
For more options please visit: [www.lakewanaka.co.nz](http://www.lakewanaka.co.nz)

Cardrona  
Benbrae Lodge [www.benbrae.co.nz](http://www.benbrae.co.nz)  
Cardrona Villas [www.cardronavillas.co.nz](http://www.cardronavillas.co.nz)  
Cardrona Hotel [www.cardronahotel.co.nz](http://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](http://www.ezicarrental.co.nz)

GO Rentals [www.gorentals.co.nz](http://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](http://www.holidayhouses.co.nz)

Bookabach [www.bookabach.co.nz](http://www.bookabach.co.nz)

AirBnB [www.airbnb.co.nz](http://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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