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**AUGUST 23**

# NIGHT PARALLEL SLALOM

**INFO PACK**

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.

## Opening Ceremony & Parallel Slalom

Winter Games NZ would like to invite the super stars of Alpine Ski Racing to compete in a Head to Head Parallel Slalom race under the lights for a prize value of \$24,000.

The Opening Ceremony will take place at Coronet Peak, Queenstown on Friday 23 August 2019 at 6pm. The elite Parallel Slalom will be the feature event, however there will also be live music, fireworks and the official opening of the Winter Games NZ by New Zealand dignitaries.

## Race Format & Timing

Date: Friday 23 August 2019  
Course: Pro Am, Coronet Peak  
Racers: 16 Men & 16 Women (8 prequalified and 8 from qualification rounds)  
Format: Head to head knock out parallel slalom

A timed qualification event will be run earlier in the day. The top 8 Men and Women from qualification will advance through to the next round to meet the 8 prequalified athletes.

## PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

\*\*\*Subject to change\*\*\*

### Winter Games NZ Night Parallel Slalom

Venue: Coronet Peak

Date: 23 August 2019

#### Qualification

9:00am	Team Captain's Meeting
11:00am - 11:20am	Inspection
11:25am	Forerunners
11:30pm - 12:30pm	Qualification

#### Finals

6:00pm - 6:30pm	Inspection
6:35pm	Forerunners
6:40pm - 7:00pm	Top 16
7:10pm - 7:20pm	Quarter Finals
7:25pm - 7:35pm	Semi-finals
7:40pm - 7:50pm	Finals & Petit Finals
7:55pm	Awards

## ENTRY PROCESS

Registrations will be accepted from current and past racers, with spots allocated at the discretion of the event organisers according to FIS ranking and athlete profile. Some spots may also be held for wildcards.

There is no entry fee for the Winter Games NZ Night Parallel Slalom.

Athletes wishing to enter should submit their expression of interest to Alpine & Para Alpine Manager Flick Wallace at [alpine@wintergamesnz.kiwi](mailto:alpine@wintergamesnz.kiwi) before the **entry deadline of 2 August 2019**.

Expressions of interest should include:

- Name
- Date of Birth
- Nation
- FIS number

All entrants will be informed by 7 August as to whether their entry has been accepted, waitlisted or not accepted. The organisers will endeavour to inform all waitlisted entrants of their final status by Wednesday 21 August.

## **1.0 Event Definition – Parallel Slalom**

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- 1.1 The Parallel Slalom is a competition where two competitors race simultaneously side by side down two courses.
- 1.2 The setting of the courses, the configuration of the ground and the preparation of the snow will make each course as identical as possible.
- 1.3 Competitors progress through a series of rounds towards a final where the winner will be decided.

## **2.0 Preparation of the Course**

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- 2.1 The slope will be wide enough to permit two courses. The terrain variations will be the same across the surface of the slope. The course layouts will have the same profile and the same difficulties.
- 2.2 Over the full width of the chosen slope, the snow will be consistently hard, similar to course preparation for Slalom, so that it is possible to offer equal race conditions on both courses.
- 2.3 Transport for the athletes back to the start via the Coronet Express Chairlift.
- 2.4 The course will be entirely closed to non-competitors.

## **3.0 The Courses**

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- 3.1 Each course is designated by a series of gates, each gate is composed of two slalom poles with a Giant Slalom gate panel stretched between them and fastened in such a way so as to tear or break away.
- 3.2 Poles and panels are red for the course on the left and blue for the other course on skier's right. The bottom of the panel will be approx. 1 m above the snow.
- 3.3 The same course setter will establish each course and make sure they are identical and parallel. He will ensure that the course flow is smooth and that there is variety in the curves (very pronounced curves) and that the course causes rhythm changes. In no case will this event resemble a long straight run from top to bottom.
- 3.4 The first gate in each course will be placed no less than 8m from the start and no more than 10m.
- 3.6 Shortly before the finish line, after the last gate, the separation between the two courses will be well marked so that they direct each competitor towards the middle part of the respective finish.
- 3.7 The distance between two corresponding gates (from turning pole to turning pole) will be no less than 6 m.
- 3.8 The courses will have a vertical drop from start to finish of between 70 – 100 meters.

#### **4.0 The Start**

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- 4.1 Start device will be two gates each 1m wide and 1.35m high. The gates will be capable of simultaneous opening and connected to the timing devices.
- 4.2 The Chief of Race and the Starter together will control the start. Any starting system can be used, this will be advised if changed.
- 4.3 Before the Starter gives the command "Ready - Set" and the starting signal which opens the start gates, he/she will first ensure that the competitors are ready.
- 4.4 If one or both start gates fail to open the start will be repeated.

#### **5.0 The Finish**

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- 5.1 The finish areas will be symmetrical. The line into the finish will be parallel with the line of the startposts.
- 5.2 There will be visually separate finish approaches and the courses will be separated after the finish line.

#### **6.0 Course Setter**

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- 6.1 The course setter is designated by the ROC of the competition. Before setting the parallel course, he/she will conduct an inspection and study of the course in the presence of the Chief of Race.

#### **7.0 Inspection**

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- 7.1 The competitors may inspect the course once from top to bottom with skis on.

#### **8.0 Ranking & Qualification**

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- 8.1 Two top 16 final positions in both the Men's and Women's fields are guaranteed to NZ Athletes according to NZ Ski team nominations.
- 8.2 Competitors who hold overall world cup points from the 2018/2019 world cup season will be ranked first highest to lowest with the top 8 Men and 8 Women progressing straight through to the top 16. The remaining competitors will be required to qualify for the final 8 spots.
- 8.3 Qualification will consist of 1 timed slalom run. The fastest 8 Men and 8 Women will progress from qualification through to the top 16.

## 9.0 Finals

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- 9.01 All finals stages (top 16, quarter-finals , semi-finals and finals) will be a one run head to head knockout. The competitor who crosses the finish line first will progress to the next round. Any competitor who is disqualified or does not finish will be eliminated.
- 9.02 The higher ranked athlete at each stage has the option of racing on either the blue or red course.
- 9.03 The highest ranked athlete will be paired against the lowest ranked athlete with the next second highest ranked athlete being paired against the second lowest ranked athlete and so on.
- 9.04 In the case of a tie in any of the finals stages the competitor with the lowest bib will advance to the next round.

## 10.0 Control of the Runs

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- 10.01 The gate judges will be situated on both exterior sides of the courses. Each gate judge will notify the Chief of Race of a disqualification in his/her section of the course. The Chief of Race will be located half way down the course, and judges whether a gate judge's decision was justified or not and confirms the disqualification of the competitor.

## 11.0 Disqualifications / Did Not Finish

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- 11.01 Causes for disqualifications are the following: false start, changing from one course to another, interfering with an opponent, not passing through a gate correctly.
- 11.02 Any competitor who is disqualified in, or who does not finish the run of any of the finals stages is eliminated.
- 11.03 If both were disqualified or did not finish the run, the competitor who skied the furthest distance in the run will advance to the next round.

## 12.0 Postponement

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- 12.1 Due to organisational reasons it will not be permitted to hold another event on the same day.

## 13.0 Equipment

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- 13.01 Skis: Any suitable race ski is permitted for this event.  
Helmets: Helmets are mandatory for this event and must comply with FIS standards.

## 10.0 General

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- 10.1 While every attempt has been made to cover all applicable rules and foreseeable situations, circumstances may arise outside what is covered above. In this case the Jury will exercise best judgement to come to a decision. The Jury's decision is final and no protests will be allowed.
- 10.2 The Race Organising committee reserves the right to modify or change any of the above rules and program.

## 11.0 Prize Money

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- 10.1 There will be a total prize pool of \$24,000 (NZD) for the Winter Games NZ Night Parallel Slalom.
- 10.2 Prize money for both Men and Women will be split as follows:
- 1st - \$6000
  - 2nd - \$3000
  - 3rd - \$2000
  - 4th - \$1000