

CARDRONA NZ FREESTYLE NATIONALS

Thursday 28th September - Friday 6th October 2023

Cardrona Alpine Resort, Wanaka NZ

EVENT DESCRIPTION

The NZ Freestyle National Champs awards New Zealand Champion age division titles in Slopestyle, Ski and Snowboard-cross, and this year "The Nationals" will also include a Rail Jam. Unfortunately, due to the lack of snow the Halfpipe has had to be cancelled for 2023.

The Nationals starts off on Thursday the 28th of September with the **Cardrona NZ Freestyle Nationals ANC Slopestyle, followed by the Big Air** on Saturday 30th September. Event podiums will be awarded, and FIS registered athletes are eligible for FIS results and points towards the 2023 FIS ANC series.

The age division Freestyle Nationals kicks off with our welcome on at 6pm on Sunday the 1st of October at Apres. The first day of scheduled competition is Monday the 2nd of October.

Freeride Big Mountain disciplines are no longer included in the NZ Freestyle Nationals as the New Zealand Junior Freeride Tour (NZJFT) provide the competitive pathway and NZ Championship titles for Freeride snowboard and Big Mountain skiing disciplines.

EVENT SCHEDULE

(Note: Entries close Tuesday 26th, Late entries may not be accepted and will include a late entry fee.)

Date	What	Venue	Divisions
27-Sep	TCM - Cardrona NZ Freestyle Nationals ANC Slopestyle Qualifications.	6.30pm Apres	
28-Sep	Cardrona NZ Freestyle Nationals ANC Slopestyle Qualifications.	Big Bucks Terrain Park	Open & FIS registered athletes.
	TCM - Cardrona NZ Freestyle Nationals ANC Slopestyle Finals.	6.30pm Apres	
29-Sep	Cardrona NZ Freestyle Nationals ANC Slopestyle Finals.	Big Bucks Terrain Park	Open & FIS registered athletes.
	TCM - Cardrona NZ Freestyle Nationals ANC Big Air	5pm Apres	
30-Sep	Cardrona NZ Freestyle Nationals ANC Big Air.	Cardrona Big Air	Open & FIS registered athletes.
1-Oct	Weather Day - Cardrona NZ Freestyle Nationals ANC Big Air.		
	TCM – All age divisions	6pm Apres	
2-Oct	Freestyle Nationals Snowboard Cross	Gravity Cross Course	U8 - U18 and Open
	Freestyle Nationals Ski Slopestyle	Little Bucks	U8 and U10
		Stag Lane to Antlers Alley	U12 - U18
3-Oct	Freestyle Nationals Ski Cross	Gravity Cross Course	U8 - U18 and Open
	Freestyle Nationals Snowboard Slopestyle	Little Bucks	U8 and U10
		Stag Lane to Antlers Alley	U12 - U18
4-Oct	Freestyle Nationals Rail Jam	Little Bucks	U8 and U10
		McPark	U12 - U18
5-Oct	Freestyle Nationals Weather Day		
6-Oct	Freestyle Nationals Weather Day		
	Freestyle Nationals Overall Titles Awarded	6.30pm Apres	U8 - U18



Please note: All competitors must be current members of Snow Sports NZ prior to registering for any events. For more information and to enter visit snowsports.co.nz.

AGE DIVISIONS - Year of Birth

U8	2016, 2017, 2018	U10	2014, 2015	U12	2012, 2013
U14	2010, 2011	U16	2008, 2009	U18	2006, 2007
Open	2009 and older				

NOTE: FIS and Open age competitors compete in Big Bucks on Thursday/Friday and the Big Air on Saturday. There is no Open Stag Lane to Antlers Alley division.

Competitors who chose to compete in the Open FIS ANC disciplines are also able to compete in the age divisions disciplines. Overall age division (U8 - U18) NZ titles are calculated by combined rankings from Slopestyle, Rail Jam and Ski / Snowboard-cross only. Competitors must remain in the same age division for all three disciplines.

Competitors who change age divisions during the event forfeit their chance at winning the Overall titles for their age division.

This excludes the open division for the FIS ANC events. An athlete is welcome to compete in the Open Division for FIS ANC events only and then compete in their age division for the Freestyle Nationals Slopestyle, Cross and Rail Jam held on 2-4 October.

There will not be Overall NZ National Title's awarded for the Open Division in 2023, but open athletes will win podiums.

EVENT REGISTRATION

Entries close 5pm Tuesday 26th September 2023. Late entries and "On the day" (OTD) entries will be subject to a \$15 late fee. In the event of postponements or cancellations entries will be fully refunded.

EVENT ENTRY & LIFT PASSES

Individual event entry - \$50

Competitor Child lift passes - \$60

Competitor Adult Lift Pass - \$120

Event parent passes - \$120

Coach (1:8 ratio) - \$0

TEAM CAPTAIN'S MEETINGS & BIB COLLECTION

FIS ANC: 27th September (Slopestyle Qualification), 6.30pm Apres, Wanaka

28th September (Slopestyle Finals), 6.30pm Apres, Wanaka

29th September (Big Air), 5pm Apres, Wanaka

NZ Titles: 1st October - All Disciplines & Divisions, 6pm Apres, Wanaka

Apres (Cardrona and Treble Cone Wanaka Office) located at 50 Cardrona Valley Road, Wanaka. The NZ Freestyle National Championship competitor briefing (Sunday 1 October) will be recorded and uploaded onto the Freestyle Nationals Facebook event page and Snow Sports NZ.

Competitors will be able to collect their bibs and lift passes from Sunday 1st October at Slope side guest services on the mountain providing they have pre-registered for the event. On the day entries may incur a fee and must be registered before 8:15am. Entries after this time will not be accepted. Competitor bibs will be assigned to athletes for the whole week. Any bibs that are not returned will incur a \$40 replacement fee. Competitor Bibs MUST be collected in advance to avoid errors with the daily competition start lists.

DAILY COMMUNICATION

Communication during the event for daily schedules and changes will be through the Cardrona NZ Freestyle Nationals Facebook Event page and through the NZ Freestyle Nationals WhatsApp Group. Please let us know if you don't have social media.



DAILY EVENT SCHEDULE

6.00am	Snow reports & event update
8.30am	Lifts open for everyone
8.45am	Competitor briefing top of course
9.00am	Courses open for competitor inspection
9.45am	Start of competition &/or training
3.30pm	Results & Awards Presentation (Cardrona Courtyard)

**Daily schedules are subject to change - please always check the FB event page and WhatsApp group for updates the night before and the morning of.*

EVENT FORMATS & RULES

Slopestyle:	Two judged runs best score counts (straight finals).
SX/SBX:	1 run time trial qualifier to seed riders for ¼, Semis or Final rounds. (No race suits!)
Rail Jam:	Jam format within each age division. 1 st to 3 rd place receive podium awards and prizes.

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 6th October at Apres.

WEATHER POSTPONEMENTS

There is one weather days scheduled for the FIS ANC and two weather days scheduled for the Age Divisions and NZ Championship titles. 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

We will be filming and photographing throughout the event to create content and celebrate the Freestyle Nationals. If you do not wish to be filmed or photographed, please email media@snowsports.co.nz before entries close on Tuesday 26th September 2023.

