

Dear Athletes, Team Managers and Support Personnel

Welcome to the second 100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games which promises to deliver two weeks of exciting on and off-snow and ice action set against one of the world's most spectacular backdrops, New Zealand's Southern Alps. During the two weeks of the Winter Games over 1,000 athletes from 50 nations will take part in 22 sports over 38 events.

We've made some exciting changes since the inaugural event in 2009. These include the introduction of the more northern region of Canterbury into the Winter Games NZ fold with the Super G being hosted at Mt Hutt, near Methven. We have also added two new sports to the programme, short track speed skating and winter triathlon.

There have also been developments off-snow with the introduction of the jam-packed QRC Winter Games Downtown Sessions that bring a festival atmosphere to the main centres of Queenstown, Wanaka, Dunedin and Methven. There was no doubt the inaugural 100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games made global winter sports history in 2009 by producing the first winter sports event of its kind outside of the Winter Olympics and by combining adaptive and able-bodied athletes in an elite event. In 2011, New Zealand is once again leading the way with dual sanctioning between the governing bodies FIS, AFP and TTR and the development of the newer sports such as snowboarding and freeskiing.

The backdrop for all this world-class competition is second to none. I'd like to say thank you very much for your support of 100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games and look forward to seeing you in the beautiful South Island.

Sir Eion Edgar

Chairman – 100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games
Honorary President NZOC

Competition Manual

This Competition Manual for the 100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games 2011 will provide you with important preliminary information you should be aware of before arriving in New Zealand. We look forward to you joining us in the picturesque Southern Alps and playing an integral part in this fantastic event that is sure to produce some incredible competition. Keep up to date with information online at www.wintergamesnz.com or by downloading the smart phone application by searching "Winter Games NZ" where results, times and news will be regularly updated.

We would like to encourage all athletes to complete their online biographies as soon as possible at <http://wgnz.eim-solutions.com/events/wintergamesnz.html>. Comprehensive completion of this online form will assist MCs, press and media in providing the most accurate and valuable coverage for yourself and your sponsors.

Once again thank you for taking part in the 100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games 2011, we hope you enjoy the splendour New Zealand has to offer and we very much look forward to meeting you in the near future.

All the best from everyone at the 100% Pure NZ Winter Games Team.

100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games Sports Programme

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August	Thu 11	Fri 12	Sat 13	Sun 14	mon 15	tue 16	wed 17	Thu 18	fri 19	sat 20	sun 21	mon 22	tue 23	wed 24	thu 25	fri 26	sat 27	sun 28	
Coronet Peak												Alpine Giant Slalom Men	Alpine Giant Slalom Women/ Adaptive	Alpine Slalom Men/ Woman	Alpine Slalom Adaptive				
Mt Hutt																	Alpine Super G Men/ Women/ Adaptive		
Cardrona							Freeski Half Pipe	WSF Para Snow board Cross	Snow board Cross	Freeski Big Air				Snow board Big Air		Ski Cross	LG FIS Snow board World Cup Half Pipe Qualifier	LG FIS Snow board World Cup Half Pipe Finals	
Snow Park NZ					Freeski Slopestyle						Snow board slopestyle								
Snow Farm NZ			Cross Country 15/10 km Classic Men/ Women/ Adaptive	Cross Country Sprint Men/ Women/ Adaptive		Cross Country 10 / 5km Freestyle Men/ Women/ Adaptive												Winter Triathlon	
Naseby										Curling	Curling	Curling	Curling	Curling	Curling	Curling	Curling	Curling semi finals	Curling Finals
Dunedin Ice Stadium	Figure Skating 1pm	Figure Skating 2pm	Figure Skating 1pm	Figure Skating Gala 2 - 4pm			Ice Hockey 7pm	Ice Hockey 7pm	Ice Hockey 7pm	Ice Hockey Semi-finals 5pm	Ice Hockey Finals 2pm							Short Track Speed Skating 10am	Short Track Speed Skating 10am

Please note: Whilst this is the Official Sports Programme this is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances and "force majeure" to ensure the safety and well being of all participants.

Participating Winter Sports, Sanctioned Level and Venues

Alpine Skiing: Able body and adaptive

Slalom	FIS ANC & IPC Continental Cup at Coronet Peak, Queenstown
Giant Slalom	FIS ANC & IPC Continental Cup at Coronet Peak, Queenstown
Super G	FIS ANC & IPC Continental Cup at Mt Hutt, Methven

Cross Country Skiing: Able body and adaptive

Classic	FIS ANC & IPC Continental Cup level at Snow Farm NZ, Wanaka
Freestyle	FIS ANC & IPC Continental Cup level at Snow Farm NZ, Wanaka
Sprint	FIS ANC & IPC Continental Cup level at Snow Farm NZ, Wanaka

Freeskiing:

Ski Cross	FIS Super Continental Cup at Cardrona, Wanaka
Halfpipe	FIS Super Continental Cup and AFP Silver Star at Cardrona, Wanaka
Slopestyle	FIS Super Continental Cup and AFP Silver Star at Snow Park NZ, Wanaka
Big Air	FIS Super Continental Cup and AFP Silver Star at Cardrona, Wanaka

Snowboarding: Able body and Adaptive

WSF Para Snowboard Cross	World Cup at Cardrona, Wanaka
Snowboard Cross	FIS ANC Cup at Cardrona, Wanaka
Halfpipe	LG FIS World Cup at Cardrona, Wanaka
Slopestyle	FIS Continental Cup and TTR 3* at Snow Park NZ, Wanaka
Big Air	FIS Continental Cup and TTR 3* at Cardrona, Wanaka

Curling:

Fours and Mixed Doubles, round robin held at Maniototo International Curling rink in Naseby.
WCF Sanctioned.

Figure Skating:

Individual competition for Senior, Junior and Novice at Dunedin Ice Stadium.
Gala performance

Ice Hockey:

3 team round robin with Australia, China and New Zealand at Dunedin Ice Stadium

Short track Speed skating:

Individual for Senior, Group A, B, C 500m, 1000m, 1500m.
Team relay 3000m team – held at Dunedin Ice Stadium. ISU Sanctioned.

Winter Triathlon:

Individuals, ITU Oceania Championship held at Snow Farm NZ, Wanaka.

Registration / Accreditation

We ask all athletes to register upon arrival at one of the Winter Games Events Offices to get accredited. We have listed the relevant offices for each of the sports below. The accreditation must be carried at all times as it gives you access to controlled areas during the event.

Alpine

WGNZ Queenstown Event Office
Queenstown Memorial Hall
Cnr Man Street and Stanley Street
Ph: +63 (0)3 409 2254
Open from Wednesday 10th – 28th August from 9.00 to 19.00.

Cross Country, Freeski, Snowboard and Winter Triathlon:

WGNZ Wanaka Event Office
Lake Wanaka Centre
89 Ardmore Street
Ph: +64 (0)3 443 2258
Open from Wednesday 10th - 28th August from 9.00 to 19.00

Curling:

WGNZ Naseby Event Office
Maniototo Curling Rink
Naseby
Ph: +64 (0)3 444 9878
Open from Wednesday 17th - 28th August from 9.00 to 19.00

Figure Skating, Ice Hockey, Short Track Speed Skating

WGNZ Dunedin Event office
Dunedin Ice Stadium
101 Victoria Road
Saint Kilda 9012
Ph: +64 (0)3 456 4556
Open from Monday 8th – 28th August from 9.00 to 19.00

Snow Sports Team Captain's Meetings (TCM)

Alpine:

The team captain's meetings for the Alpine Ski racing will take place at the Queenstown Memorial Hall for the GS and Slalom - and the Methven Heritage Centre for the Super G.

August	Sun 21th	Mon 22nd	Tue 23rd	Wed 24th	Thu 25th	Fri 26th
Alpine Ski Racing	GS Men TCM 4pm	GS Women and adaptive TCM 5pm	Slalom TCM 5pm Public Bib draw 5.45pm	Slalom Adaptive TCM 5pm		Super G TCM 5pm Public bib draw 6pm

Cross Country:

The first team captain's meetings for the Cross Country take place at the Lake Wanaka Centre in Wanaka. The remaining team captains meetings will take place at Snow Farm NZ.

August	Wed 10th	Thur 11th	Fri 12th	Sat 13th	Sun 14th	Mon 15th
Cross Country Skiing	TCM 5pm in Wanaka Centre		TCM 5pm at Snow Farm	TCM 5pm at Snow Farm		TCM 5pm at Snow Farm

Freeski:

All the team captain's meetings for the Freeski will take place at the Lake Wanaka Centre.

August	Sat 13th	Sun 14th	Mon 15th	Tue 16th	Wed 17th	Thur 18th	Fri 19th	Sat 20th	Wed 24th	Thur 25th
Freeski	Slopestyle TCM 5.30pm	Slopestyle TCM 5.30pm	Half Pipe TCM 5.30pm	Half Pipe TCM 5.30pm		Big Air TCM 6.30pm	Big Air TCM 6.30pm		Ski Cross TCM 6.30pm	Ski Cross TCM 6.30pm

Snowboard:

All the team captain's meetings for the Snowboard will take place at the Lake Wanaka Centre.

August	Tue 16th	Wed 17th	Thur 18th	Fri 19th	Sat 20th	Sun 21th	Mon 22nd	Tue 23rd	Wed 24th	Thur 25th	Fri 26th	Sat 27th
Snowboard	WSF Para SBX World Cup TCM 6.30pm	FIS SBX & WSF Para SBX World Cup TCM 5.30pm	FIS SBX TCM 5.30pm	Slopestyle TCM 5.30pm	Slopestyle TCM 5.30pm		Big Air TCM 5.30pm	Big Air TCM 5.30pm	LG World Cup Half Pipe TCM 5.30pm	LG World Cup Half Pipe TCM 5.30pm	LG World Cup Half Pipe TCM 4pm	LG World Cup Half Pipe TCM 5.30pm

Winter Triathlon:

The race briefing will take place on race day on Saturday the 27th at 8.30am at Snow Farm NZ.

Lift / trail passes and bibs

Lift tickets will be free for snow sports competitors on the competitions days. These complimentary lift tickets will be issued at the end of the Team Captain's Meeting for each competition.

All competitors must wear the official bib during all official training, competition and award ceremonies. The competition bibs will be distributed at the Team Captains' meetings and a bib deposit of \$100 per team will be required.

All bibs must be returned at the end of competition. These must be given to Winter Games volunteers. Bibs will be redistributed to winners for use at award ceremonies.

Ice Sports key meetings

Curling:

The Team meeting for Fours and Mixed double teams will take place at the Maniototo Curling Rink on Friday the 19th August at 12.15pm.

Figure Skating:

The following meetings will take place on Wednesday the 10th August at the Dunedin Ice Stadium:

3.30pm	Referee and Technical Controller Meeting
4 pm	Judges meeting and seating draw
5.30pm	Official draw

Ice Hockey:

The TRIM meeting will take place on Wednesday the 17th August at 6pm at the Dunedin Ice Stadium.

Short Track Speed Skating:

The team captain's meeting will take place on Friday the 26th August at 6pm at the Dunedin Ice Stadium.

Training Information

Cardrona are offering 100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games athletes 50% off lift passes for unofficial training between the 13th and 28th August. In order to receive this discount, athletes must carry their accreditation and photo ID with them.

Winter Games NZ will provide lift passes for official training days at Snow Park NZ and Cardrona. The passes will be issued at the first team captain's meeting for each competition.

Teams who wish to organise pre-event training in New Zealand are recommended to contact the ski field or the ice stadiums directly.

Awards Ceremony Protocol for Team Managers

Awards ceremonies for Alpine, Freeski, Snowboard and Winter Triathlon will take place in central downtown Wanaka, Queenstown or Methven with live music happening before and after the ceremonies.

Awards Ceremonies for the ice sports and for Cross Country will take place at the competition venues after the final race of the day.

Wanaka Downtown Awards Ceremonies

The awards ceremonies will take place at **5.00pm** outside Kai Café on the corner of Ardmore & Helwick St. We ask 1, 2, 3 medal winners to check in with Winter Games Staff at 4.45pm by the Awards Podium for ceremony bibs.

15 th August	Freeski Slopestyle
17 th August	Freeski Halfpipe
18 th August	WSF Para Snowboard Cross
19 th August	Snowboard Cross
20 th August	Freeski Big Air
24 th August	Snowboard Big Air
26 th August	Ski Cross
27 th August	Winter Triathlon
28 th August	LG Snowboard World Cup Halfpipe & Closing Ceremony

Queenstown Downtown Awards Ceremonies and Public Bib Draws:

The Alpine awards ceremonies and public bib draws will take place on the Village Green by the Mall, Opposite Brass Bar on Ballarat Street. We ask 1, 2, 3 medal winners to check in with Winter Games Staff at **5.30pm** by the Awards Podium for ceremony bibs.

22 nd August	Alpine GS Men Awards 5.45pm
23 rd August	Alpine GS Women and Adaptive Awards at 5.45pm and Alpine Slalom Public Bib Draw
24 th August	Alpine Slalom Men and Women Awards 5.45pm
25 th August	Alpine Slalom Adaptive Awards 5.45pm

Methven Downtown Award Ceremony:

The Alpine award ceremony and public bib draw for the Alpine Super G will take place outside the Blue Pub in Methven. We ask 1, 2, 3 medal winners to check in with Winter Games Staff at **5.15pm** by the Awards Podium for ceremony bibs

26 th August	Alpine Super G public bib draw at 6pm (men, women, adaptive)
27 th August	Alpine Super G Awards ceremony at 5.30pm

Snowboard Slopestyle Award Ceremony at Snow Park NZ:

The awards ceremony for Snowboard Slopestyle will be held at Snow Park NZ at the Woolshed on the 21st August straight after the finals. We ask 1,2,3 medal winners to check in with Winter Games Staff before the awards by the podium for ceremony bibs.

The Award Ceremony will be followed by the Slopestyle After Party. Night skiing will also be available.

Cross Country Skiing Award Ceremony at Snow Farm NZ:

The Cross Country Skiing award ceremonies will take place at Snow Farm NZ straight after the final of each event on the 13th, 14th and 16th of August. We ask 1,2,3 medal winners to check in with Winter Games Staff before the awards by the podium for ceremony bibs.

Curling Award and Closing Ceremony:

The Curling on-ice award ceremony and closing ceremony will take place at Maniototo Curling Rink on Sunday the 28th August at 6pm. Athletes and team managers will be briefed at the team meeting on the 19th August.

Figure Skating Award and Closing Ceremony:

The Figure Skating on-ice award ceremony and closing ceremony will take place at Dunedin Ice Stadium on Saturday the 13th August at 6pm. We ask 1,2,3 medal winners to check in with Winter Games Staff before the awards by the podium.

Short Track Speed Skating Award Ceremonies:

The Short Track Speed Skating on-ice award ceremonies will take place at Dunedin Ice stadium on Saturday the 27th and Sunday 28th August at 4pm. We ask 1,2,3 medal winners to check in with Winter Games Staff before the awards by the podium.

Ice Hockey Award Ceremony:

The Ice Hockey awards will be held on Sunday the 21st at 5pm at the Dunedin Ice Stadium.

Media interview of medal winners

All medal winning athletes must remain at the podium after each awards ceremony, wearing their competition bibs, for press and media interviews.

Anti-Doping Protocols

There will be anti-doping control by Drug Free Sport NZ at the 100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games. All athletes in all sports may be subject to anti-doping. Any athlete refusing to comply may be subject to disqualification.

QRC Downtown sessions

The 2011 Winter Games NZ programme features a full off-mountain festival celebrating music, comedy, film, theatre, food and wine, extreme sports and rail jams. The QRC Downtown Sessions offers something for all tastes and ages. New this year are the NZONE Skydive Adventure Film Festival, AJ Hackett Bungy Adventure Expo and Canadian Club Comedy Roadtrip. And whatever you do don't miss our Closing Concert at the Jucy Meltdown featuring one of New Zealand's most popular bands, The Black Seeds. Go to www.wintergamesnz.com/party to find out what is happening.

Event Tickets

Tickets must be purchased in advance for all spectators of Ice Hockey, Figure Skating and Short track speed skating and for the some of the festival events. Please go to the link below to purchase tickets www.ticketdirect.co.nz. Entry to the Curling competition is a gold coin donation. All other Winter Games sports events are free to attend.

Festival tickets can be purchased at Ticket Direct website or at the I -Site in Wanaka or Queenstown.

Media and Press

If you are planning to bring a media team with you, please note they must be accredited by 100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games. This applies whether they are editorial press or filming for promotional purposes. They can do this by going to the 100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games official website at <http://wintergamesnz.com/press/> filling out the accreditation form. Please contact Media Manager Victoria Murray-Orr directly on +64 (0)3 443 2700 or victoria@wintergamesnz.com for any questions.

Venue Information

Cardrona Alpine Resort, Wanaka

Cardrona Alpine Resort is a relaxed and friendly ski and snowboard resort located between Wanaka and Queenstown. The mountain boasts specialist slopes for beginners, wide open groomed slopes for intermediates, chutes for the advanced and an extensive park for freestylers. www.cardrona.com

Snow Park NZ

Snow Park NZ, a boutique mountain resort tucked away in the stunning Southern Alps of New Zealand & renowned for it's world class terrain park and awe-inspiring views, is this year presenting a wider range of experiences for anyone with a sense of adventure, be it on snow or off. www.snowparknz.com

Snow Farm NZ

Snow Farm 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 1500m altitude of the Pisa Range there are spectacular views over Mount Aspiring National Park. www.snowfarmnz.com

Coronet Peak, Queenstown

Coronet Peak is just 25 minutes from Queenstown. Fans have flocked here to enjoy winter sports for more than 60 years. Fantastic views and diverse rolling terrain providing challenges and hidden delights for all ability levels. Recently expanded, the dedicated beginner slopes with twin conveyer lifts makes learning fun and easy for novices. Coronet is a regular host of international racers and competitions. www.nzski.com

Mt Hutt

Relaxed, challenging and exciting, Mt Hutt's 365 hectares ranges from long, super-wide groomed runs to double black diamond chutes. Mt Hutt is the leader in the New Zealand racing circuit and a preferred training ground for international race teams who enjoy the mountain's challenging racing terrain. At just over an hour's drive from Christchurch International Airport, Mt Hutt is easily accessible from anywhere in Australasia. www.nzski.com

Maniototo Curling Rink, Naseby

Maniototo International Curling Rink is the only dedicated indoor curling rink in the Southern Hemisphere and is located in the historic town of Naseby which has enjoyed a long history of curling since the 1870s. www.curling.co.nz

Dunedin Ice Stadium

Dunedin is the largest city in the Otago region, and is situated on the South East coast of New Zealand's South Island. The Dunedin Ice Stadium is New Zealand's premier ice sports complex with seating for 1,850 spectators and a full Olympic size ice hockey arena. www.dunedinice.com

Distances between venues

All driving distances and times below are approximate. It is highly recommended that snow chains are carried on all routes. It is also a compulsory requirement of the mountain routes that these are carried. Fines can be incurred otherwise. We suggest contacting your car rental company for information about snow chain hire.

Road Conditions can be checked by calling the Automobile Association 0800 500 444 or by looking on their website www.aaroadwatch.co.nz

The distance between Wanaka and Queenstown is calculated for the route over the Crown Range Pass Road. If there is a lot of snow, or you are a nervous driver, you may prefer to take the longer route via Cromwell. This takes approx 1.30 hrs.

	Queenstown	Coronet Peak	Wanaka	Cardrona Resort	Snow Farm	Snow Park	Naseby	Dunedin	Methven	Mt Hutt
Queenstown	-	16km 22 mins	68km 55 mins	58km 1 hr	58km 1 hr	58km 1 hr	177km 2:16 hrs	282km 3:42 hrs	413km 5 hrs	429km 5:40 hrs
Coronet Peak	16km 22 mins	-	76km 1:10hrs	65km 1:10 hrs	65km 1:10 hrs	65km 1:10 hrs	185km 2:29 hrs	290km 3:51 hrs	420km 5:17 hrs	436km 5:57hrs
Wanaka	68km 55 mins	76km 1:10hrs	-	34km 35 mins	34km 35 mins	34km 35 hrs	171km 2:07 hrs	276km 3:32 hrs	357km 4:17 hrs	373km 4:57 hrs
Cardrona Resort	58km 1 hr	65km 1:10 hrs	34km 35 mins	-	26km 40 mins	26km 40 mins	200km 2.40 hrs	315km 4:07 hrs	392km 5 hrs	408km 5:40 hrs
Snow Farm	58km 1 hr	65km 1:10 hrs	33km 35 mins	26km 40 mins	-	2km 5 mins	198km 2:36 hrs	303km 4 hrs	391km 5 hrs	407km 5:40 hrs
Snow Park	58km 1 hr	65km 1:10 hrs	33km 35 mins	26km 40 mins	2km 5 mins	-	198km 2:36 hrs	303km 4 hrs	391km 5 hrs	407km 5:40 hrs
Naseby	177km 2:16 hrs	185km 2:29 hrs	171km 2:07 hrs	200km 2:40hrs	198km 2:36 hrs	198km 2:36 hrs	-	147km 2 hrs	336km 4:25 hrs	352km 5:05 hrs
Dunedin	282km 3:42 hrs	290km 3:51 hrs	276km 3:32 hrs	315km 4:07 hrs	303km 4 hrs	303km 4 hrs	147km 2 hrs	-	305km 4:10 hrs	321km 4:50 hrs
Methven	413km 5 hrs	420km 5:17 hrs	357km 4:17 hrs	392km 5 hrs	391km 5 hrs	391km 5 hrs	336km 4:25 hrs	305km 4:10 hrs	-	16km 40 mins
Mt Hutt	429km 5:40 hrs	436km 5:57hrs	373km 4:57 hrs	408km 5:40 hrs	407km 5:40 hrs	407km 5:40 hrs	352km 5:05 hrs	321km 4:50 hrs	16km 40 mins	-

Mountain Snow Lines

For daily reports on weather and road conditions we highly recommend checking the daily reports:

- Coronet Peak** TXT to your mobile service available (note charges apply. Website quotes price to NZ mobiles. Extra charges might apply to non-NZ numbers).
- 1 Day report – text COR to 8881
 - 2 Day report – text FCAST COR to 8881
 - Everyday of the season report – text DAILY COR to 8881

To unsubscribe text STOP to 8881

Snow Reports and forecasts updated from 6.15am
or visit <http://nzski.com/fullReport.jsp?site=coronetpeak>

- Cardrona** Phone +64 (0)3 443 7007
or visit <http://www.cardrona.com/snow-report.html>

- Snow Farm** Phone +64 (0)3 443 9792
or visit http://www.snowfarmnz.com/snow_report/index

- Snow Park** visit <http://www.snowparknz.com/the-mountain/snow-report/snow-report/>

- Mt Hutt** TXT to your mobile service available (note charges apply. Website quotes price to NZ mobiles. Extra charges might apply to non-NZ numbers).
- 1 Day report – text HUT to 8881
 - 2 Day report – text FCAST HUT to 8881
 - Everyday of the Season report – text DAILY HUT to 8881

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or visit <http://nzski.com/fullReport.jsp?site=mthutt>

Travel, Transport and Accommodation

Air Travel

We recommend that you book your flights through our official airline, Air New Zealand. Please go to www.airnewzealand.com for online bookings and further information. For special rates on group bookings of 10 or more please contact Lauren Park, lauren.park@airnz.co.nz quoting Winter Games NZ or call +64 (0)9 336 2408.

Car/Van Transport

We strongly recommend that teams organize their own transport to ensure full control over movement to and from the resort. JUCY rentals is New Zealand's favourite and most trusted rental company. Kiwi owned and operated, JUCY can get you zipping around in one of their rides for a few days or touring our country for a couple of weeks or more. With a range of cars and campers, they have something for everyone's budget.

JUCY is stoked to be involved with the Winter Games and has an awesome JUCY deal for you. Use promo code WINTERGAMES when booking online at www.jucy.co.nz to receive 20% off any JUCY ride in New Zealand.

Visas

Visitors from certain countries must have a visitor visa to enter New Zealand. New Zealand has a special policy for athletes, coaches, administrators, officials and support staff visiting the country to participate in sporting events. Please check on:

www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant/stream/visit/visitors/quickcheck.htm to find out if visitors from your country require a visitor visa to enter New Zealand. Application forms for visitor visas are available on www.immigration.govt.nz or from New Zealand and Australian Consulates, Embassies or High Commissions.

Liability

All athletes, officials and members of the National Associations who attend and participate in the event shall do so at their own risk. 100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games, 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), 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. Please visit www.acc.co.nz/ for more information. 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.

Advice for Visitors to New Zealand

New Zealand has a population of around 4.2 million people, and around 40 million sheep. The population is predominantly white European (pakeha) and approx 12% Maori and Polynesian. The principal languages are English and Maori, with English being the most predominant. New Zealand is an independent member of the British Commonwealth.

Currency:

New Zealand uses the New Zealand Dollar (NZ\$). All major credit cards can be used in most outlets, and there are several banks in both Wanaka and Queenstown, which provide ATM and travellers cheque facilities.

Time:

New Zealand is 12 hrs ahead of GMT (Greenwich Mean Time).

Power:

New Zealand uses a 3 flat pin power plug (see below); adaptors can be bought at most airports and in local electrical shops and some major supermarkets. Electricity is provided at 230/240 volts (50 hertz).

Water:

It is generally safe to drink the tap water in New Zealand. The water here is said to be some of the purest and cleanest in the world.

Driving:

You must drive on the left hand side of the road in New Zealand, and all hire vehicles will be right hand drive. It is recommended that you hire snow chains if you are driving in New Zealand, particularly if you are driving to any of the ski fields. It is common for the access roads to the ski fields to be accessible only to vehicles carrying chains, and occasionally only to 4WD vehicles with chains.

Emergency Services:

Please dial **111** for emergency services (Police, Fire, Ambulance).

For further information about New Zealand please go to www.newzealand.com.