



## Event Descriptions

All events will be run in categories Female/Male, Skiers/Boarders.

### **Slalom (SI)**

Slalom is a skier only event and skiers must make tight turns around single standing poles (gates) of approx 9m distance. It is recommended that competitors only try this event if they have had experience in a slalom course before. It is a two run timed event using the combined time to place competitors on the final results listing. Unfortunately like giant slalom it is a combination of two runs and if a competitor crashes (and doesn't finish) or misses part of the course their time for that run will not count.

### **Giant Slalom (GS)**

Giant Slalom is a much less demanding event open to skiers and boarders in which competitors turn around a series of flagged gates of about 20-25m separation. This is the easier of the two timed events and I would encourage any would be racer to give it a try. It's my understanding that skiers and boarders will run a similar course just minor adjustments are made dependant on snow conditions.

### **GravityX (BoarderX / SkierX)**

Both Boarders and Skiers will compete on the same course consisting of banked turns, jumps and rolls. This year there we will be running a timed seeding run before progressing on to eliminations. Eliminations will see groups of 4 run at any one time with the fastest 2 advancing from each heat. This event is recommended for more experienced riders, or those willing to take a tumble.

### **Slopestyle.**

A course is set featuring a selection of rails, boxes, and tabletops in succession. Individuals are judged on a criteria based around difficulty of tricks attempted, amplitude and style. There are 2 runs with the best run counting. Open to both boarders and skiers. Competitors who compete should be confident over the majority of features in a terrain park.

### **Halfpipe**

Open to both boarders and skiers. Competitors have 2 runs down a halfpipe with the best run counting. Runs are judged based on difficulty of tricks performed, amplitude out of the pipe and overall style. Competitors should be confident in the halfpipe.

### **Big Air**

Open to both boarders and skiers usually over a large tabletop jump. Competitors have 2 attempts with the best jump counting. Again it is judged based on technical difficulty, amplitude and overall style. Competitors should be confident over large jumps.

### **Cross Country (Skiing)**

Skiing on relatively flat ground with small uphill and downhill sections – 2.5km for Women, 5km for Men. There are two techniques - Skating and Classic, but the race will be freestyle so either can be used. This event is hard work, so expect a good workout.

*If you have any queries regarding any aspect of this year's Uni Snow Games then please contact USNZ on 04 499 3550 or [admin@universitysport.org.nz](mailto:admin@universitysport.org.nz)*