



World University Winter Games – Snowboarding 2009

This letter is to provide information about the 2009 World University Winter Games (also known as the Winter Universiade).

General: The Games are the 2nd largest winter sports event after the winter Olympics. They give athletes the opportunity to compete against world class competition and experience a world class multi-sports event.

Date: The dates for the 2009 Winter Universiade are from 18th to 28th February 2009.

Location: Surrounding area of Harbin, China.

Venues: At the Maoer Mountain Ski resort.

Program	Men	Women
ALPINE SKIING	Downhill	Downhill
	Super G	Super G
	Giant Slalom	Giant Slalom
	Slalom	Slalom
	Combined*	Combined*

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING	Sprint Free style 10km Free, individual start 4×10km Relay (CCFF) 30km Classic style, mass-start Pursuit without a break 7.5kmC/ 7.5 km F	Sprint Free style 5km Free, individual start 3×5km Relay (CFF) 15km Classic style, mass-start Pursuit without a break 5km C/5km F
SKI JUMPING	Individual (K125) Individual (K90) Team (K90)	Individual (K90)
NORDIC COMBINED	Individual (K90/15km) Individual Sprint (K90/7.5km) Team Mass-Start (3×5km/K90)	
FREESTYLE SKIING (Optional sport)	Individual Aerials Aerial – Team Event Ski Cross	Individual Aerials Aerial – Team Event Ski Cross
BIATHLON	Individual 20km Sprint 10km Pursuit 12.5km Mass-start 15km	Individual 15km Sprint 7.5km Pursuit 10km Mass-Start 12.5km
	Mixed Relay (2×6km Women + 2×7.5km Men)	
SNOWBOARDING	HalfPipe Parallel Giant Slalom Snowboard Cross Big Air	HalfPipe Parallel Giant Slalom Snowboard Cross
Total	12 Sports, 82 disciplines	
Combined*	Classification will be established on four (4) events (Downhill, Super G, Giant Slalom, Slalom). At least three (3) results must be achieved.	

Disciplines: Alpine Skiing, Snowboarding, Biathlon, Nordic Combined, Ice Hockey, Curling, Figure Skating, Ski Jumping, Cross Country Skiing, Short Track Speed Skating.

NZ Delegation: The NZ delegation will comprise of several disciplines including Snow Boarding. This letter is specifically for potential Snow Board competitors.

NZ Organisers: University Sport New Zealand (USNZ) is responsible for selecting (along with NZSBA) and administering the New Zealand delegation that will compete at these Games.

Chef de Mission: USNZ has appointed Mike Forrestal to be the NZ Chef de Mission (head of delegation). Mike was Chef de Mission of the NZ delegations that attended the 3 previous Games in Italy in 2003 & 2007 and Austria in 2005.

Registration: USNZ will be accepting registrations of interest from Snow Boarders wishing to be considered for selection from 1 May 2008.

Eligibility: Persons wishing to represent New Zealand at the 2009 World University Winter Games must adhere to the following eligibility criteria:

- a) You must be a New Zealand citizen and hold a current, full NZ passport;
- b) You must be at least 17 and less than 28 years of age as at 1st January 2009;
- c) If studying in NZ, you must be attending a NZ University as recognised by the Ministry of Education;
- d) If studying overseas you must be studying at a University or similar institution recognised as holding University status by the appropriate academic authority of that country;
- e) You must be studying “towards a full time course”; OR
- f) You must have finished your course (successfully) and graduated less than 12 months before the start of the Games, i.e. finished your course and graduated after 17 February 2008;

- g) You must be registered as a New Zealand Snow Boarder with FIS.

Selection: Persons selected to represent NZ at the 2009 World University Winter Games will have met the following criteria:

Automatic Selection:

i) Making the semi-finals at the NZ Burton Open or FIS World Cup in Cardrona in 2008, or;

ii) Being one of the top-10 ranked NZE riders in that discipline based on the NZSBA rankings on 1st November 2008.

Secondary selection:

iii) Each athlete needs to provide a comprehensive CV of his or her competition history. This needs to be submitted to USNZ who will make the final selection decision in consultation with NZSBA.

Cost: Each competitor is responsible for his or her own airfare. They are also responsible for a participation fee of US\$60 per day, which covers accommodation, meals, transport and ski, passes during the Games. USNZ will pay the individuals entry fee.

Agreement: Competitors and officials selected to represent NZ at the Games are required to sign an agreement with USNZ, which covers areas of commitment to the team and to USNZ. It covers the athlete's responsibilities regarding performance focus, doping control and behavior.

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