



World University Winter Games 2007 - Alpine Skiing

This letter is to provide information to NZ Alpine Skiers about their discipline at the 2007 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: 17-27 January 2007

Location: Torino, Italy

Venues The same accommodation and competition venues are being used as the 2006 Winter Olympics:

SPORT	COMPETITION VENUES	MEN	WOMEN
Biathlon	Pragelato	X	X
Nordic Combined	Pragelato	X	
Freestyle	Bardonecchia	X	X
Ice Hockey	Torino & Torre Pellice	X	
Figure skating	Torino	X	X
Speed skating	Torino	X	X
Ski jumping	Pragelato	X	
Alpine skiing	Bardonecchia	X	X
Cross-country skiing	Pragelato	X	X
Short track	Torino	X	X
Snowboarding	Bardonecchia	X	X

- 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 Alpine Ski Racing. This letter is specifically for potential Alpine Ski Racing competitors.
- NZ Organisers:** University Sport New Zealand (USNZ) is responsible for selecting and administering the New Zealand delegation (including ski racers) 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 2 previous Games in Italy in 2003 and Austria in 2005.
- Registration:** USNZ will be accepting registrations of interest from ski racers wishing to be considered for selection from 1 May 2006.
- Eligibility:** Ski Racers wishing to represent New Zealand at the 2007 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 2007;
 - 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 January 2006;
 - g) You must be registered as a New Zealand Ski Racer with FIS; and
 - h) You must be a registered member of Ski Racing New Zealand.
- Selection:** Ski Racers selected to represent NZ at the 2007 World University Winter Games will have met the following criteria:
- a) Selection will be based on the 2nd FIS points list of the 2006/07 season (published around 1 December 2006);
 - b) Selection for Slalom and Giant Slalom will be limited to those athletes holding less than 140 FIS points in those disciplines;
 - c) Entry for Downhill and Super G will be limited to those athletes holding less than 160 FIS points;
 - d) If the number of athletes qualifying exceeds the number of team positions available, athletes will be ranked using the total of the athlete's FIS points in their best two disciplines;
 - e) If an athlete has not competed in recent years and their FIS points have expired then a comprehensive CV of their race history needs to be submitted to USNZ. Ski Racing NZ and USNZ will make an assessment as to their eligibility.

Cost: Each competitor is responsible for their 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.

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 areas such as the athlete's responsibilities regarding performance focus, doping control and behaviour.

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