



## 23<sup>rd</sup> World University Winter Games - Torino 2007

This letter is to provide information to potential Snowboard members of the NZ team that will compete at the 2007 World University Winter Games (also known as the Winter Universiade).

**General:** The Games are the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest winter sports event after the Winter Olympics. They give athletes the opportunity to compete against world class competition and experience a major global multi-sports event.

**Date:** 17-27 January 2007

**Location:** Torino, Italy

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

SPORT	COMPETITION VENUES	MEN	WOMEN
Biathlon	Cesana Sansicario	x	x
Nordic Combined	Pragelato	x	
Curling	Pinerolo	x	x
Ice Hockey	Torino e Torre Pellice	x	
Figure skating	Torino	x	x
Ski jumping	Pragelato	x	
Alpine skiing	Bardonecchia	x	x
Cross-country skiing	Pragelato	x	x
Short track speed skating	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.
- Events:** There are 4 Snowboard events (the same for men and women) – Big Air, Half Pipe, Parallel Giant Slalom and Boarder Cross (events still to be confirmed by Organising Committee). These events are the ‘relevant events’ referred to in the selection criteria below.
- NZ Delegation:** The NZ delegation will comprise of competitors in several disciplines including Snowboarding. This letter is specifically for potential Snowboard competitors.
- NZ Organisers:** University Sport New Zealand (USNZ) is responsible for selecting 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 2 previous Games in Italy in 2003 and Austria in 2005.
- Registration:** USNZ will be accepting registrations of interest from Snowboarders wishing to be considered for selection, from 1 March 2006. To register email USNZ at the contact below.
- Eligibility:** Persons 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 (i.e. be born between 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1979 and 1<sup>st</sup> January 1990);
  - 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 Snowboarder with FIS.
- Selection:** Persons selected to represent NZ at the 2007 World University Winter Games are required to meet the following selection criteria:
- a) Guiding Principle - Snowboarders selected to represent New Zealand at the 2007 World University Winter Games are expected to have a realistic expectation of a top 30 finish in their snowboarding event(s) when performing at the peak of their potential. This is the performance principle which guides our selection criteria.

- b) Event Selection - Snowboarders will only be selected for the events (whether 1 or more) that they have qualified for - either via the automatic or minimum standard. Entry to snowboard events that the competitor has NOT qualified for will be determined by USNZ in discussion with NZSBA.
- c) Snowboarding CV - Every snowboard competitor wishing to be considered for selection (including those attaining the automatic selection standard) MUST submit a comprehensive CV to USNZ containing their major snowboarding achievements from 2004 onwards.
- d) Automatic Selection Standard - Automatic selection is gained when the snowboarder (male or female) is:
  - i. 1 of the top 5 placed New Zealanders in a relevant event at the NZSBA Nationals 2006 or the 2006 NZ Burton Open; or
  - ii. 1 of the top 3 placed New Zealanders in a relevant event at the 2006 North or South Island Championships.
- e) Minimum Selection Standard - Noting 'Discretionary Selection' in f) below, competitors (male or female) selected for the 2007 WUWG will have achieved these minimum standards:
  - i. 1 of the top 12 placed New Zealanders in a relevant event at the NZSBA Nationals 2006 or the 2006 NZ Burton Open; or
  - ii. 1 of the top 7 placed New Zealanders in a relevant event at the 2006 North or South Island Championships.
  - iii. Achieving the standards in i or ii does NOT guarantee selection.
  - iv. Performances at the 2006 NZ University Snow Games (Uni Snow Games, formerly Winter Games) which will be held in Wanaka on 26 August – 1 September will be considered. Potential Torino team members are encouraged to attend this event.
- f) Discretionary Selection - USNZ reserves the right to consider and select snowboard competitors who do not meet the minimum selection standard in e) above. Reasons for this could include, but are not limited to, injury, living overseas during 2006 and other exceptional circumstances.

**Cost:** Each competitor is responsible for his/her own airfare as well as a participation fee of US\$60 per day to cover accommodation, meals, transport and lift 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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