**Skiing**

If you are interested in Skiing, Snowboarding, sledding or going down hill in a rubber tube you will find all the Fire Service related skiing and snowboarding tournaments, info and events right here.

**News and Info:**

**National Ski and Snowboard Competition 15th, 16th, 17th August 2012 -** [**Click here for entry form**](http://firenet.fire.org.nz/skiing/NZFS%20Document/NZFS%20National%20Ski%20and%20Snowboard%20Competition%20Entry%20form.docx)

**For GREAT deals on accomodation** and a sneak peak at some of the fantastic spot prizes check out our sponsors [**here**](http://firenet.fire.org.nz/skiing/NZFS%20Document/Ski%20Sponsors.docx)

**Up-Coming Events:**

15th, 16th (17th) August 2012

**O h a k u n e**

The committee welcomes your participation at the 2012 Ski and Snowboard Competition at Turoa Ski Resort, Mt Ruapehu; Hosted by the Ohakune Volunteer Fire Brigade.

This year the competition is to be held in August on 15th, 16th – with the 17th to be a contingency day in the event of bad weather. Competitors need to be available to compete on the contingency day in order to get a result for the competition.

***What We Do:***

The NZFS National Ski and Snowboard Competition Committee has been set up to oversee, co-ordinate and assist brigades in holding the NZFS Competitions.

Due to the nature of skiing and boarding, hosting this type of competition may be limited to only a few brigades. Ohakune Volunteer Fire Brigade usually hosts the event, but other Brigades are most welcome to offer – especially South Island Brigades.

The NZFS Ski Races (now Ski and Snowboard) has been running since 1989. After a strong start, the event has been disrupted by lack of snow, volcanic eruptions, weather and NZ Fire Service restructures. But fire fighters and skiers/snowboarders are resilient, and recent years since have again seen an increase in participants and the associated social gatherings. Participants always enjoy the varied challenges of the slippery wet white stuff and the hospitality provided by the host brigade.

***On Mountain***: The competition is held over three days. The aim is to race over the first two days – but a third day is planned for in case bad weather (and the ski area being closed as a result). The prize-giving will be held after TWO days racing – so possibly on the Thursday night, or the Friday night – depending when racing is completed. Participants need to be aware (as most Ruapehu skiers and boarders will be well aware already!) the weather and/or avalanche risks can seriously disrupt this event. In this case, a good sense of humour and maybe some golf or squash skills are useful.

***Races***: Day 1: Two runs per skier/boarder on the Banked Slalom course. The second run is done in reverse order. Individually timed and points contribute both to team points and to personal achievement (ie. Fastest Male, Fastest Female etc). Day 2: Dual Slalom racing the person who had the time closest to you the previous day. Timing is done by the Turoa Race Department – and the Ohakune Brigade race co-ordinator is provided with computerised printouts later in the day.

**This all sounds very serious; but it is intended that ANYBODY can have a go. Some people have raced after only one or two days experience on the mountain. A sense of adventure and humour is an absolute necessity – and encouragement is provided free.**

***Down Town***: Registration is held on the first night (Tuesday night) at the Ohakune Fire Station, and a casual meal can be purchased on-station. Wednesday night is a sit-down meal at the Fire Station and the cost is included in race registration – then the bar is open for general socialising. Thursday night or Friday night is prize-giving – light meal available and the bar will be open.

***Teams***: Registration is currently set up for teams of three skiers or boarders (or a mixture), but the Ohakune Ski Race committee is happy to place individual skiers into teams if they wish to ski but can’t raise a full team. Please talk to us if you would like to ski/board but have no team.

***Race Rules***: Please be aware that the committee will review the race rules (as they do every year) and they may change slightly. The updated rules will be posted on the fire net website.

***Committee Members***

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New Zealand Fire Service

National Ski and Snowboard Races 2011

The Ohakune Volunteer Fire Brigade and the National Ski & Snowboard Committee again, welcome you to the NZ Fire Service National Ski Races

**P r o g r a m m e**

**Tuesday 14th August 2012**

Registration at the Ohakune Fire Station from 1630 – 2200 hours. Bar is open and light meal is provided by the Ohakune Kindergarten as a fundraiser for them. Collect your team pack – competitor bibs, meal tickets and local information.

**Wednesday 15th August 2012**

0730: Check the weather and ski report. There will be a report at the Ohakune Fire Station, either on the door if the mountain is open, or someone will be there if the mountain is on-hold or closed. Please provide your team captain’s mobile number – and Duane will text any additional information.

1000: Racing usually begins at 1000 hours. This may change depending on weather/avalanche control. Allow at least an hour to get up the mountain, park and get to the race course.

1730: Ohakune Fire Station for briefing, any additional information. Bar will open and a full buffet meal prepared by Franz alpine wine bar and restaurant at 1830-1900

**Thursday 16th August 2012**

0730: Check the weather and ski report. There will be a report at the Ohakune Fire Station, either on the door if the mountain is open, or someone will be there if the mountain is on-hold or closed. Please provide your team captain’s mobile number – and Duane will text any additional information.

1000: Racing usually begins at 1000 hours. This may change depending on weather/avalanche control. Allow at least an hour to get up the mountain, park and get to the race course.

1730: Ohakune Fire Station for Prize Giving (if racing completed), or briefing if skiing on Friday. The bar will be open and light meal available from the Ohakune Kindergarten.

**Friday 17th August 2012 (Contingency Day)**

If racing is required, same procedure as Thursday.

If racing is completed, then Friday is free time for skiing/boarding, going home, or whatever you like!

**Results:**

Check back soon...