

Your festival programme



Hi everyone,

The Adaptive Snow Sports Festival is just weeks away (August 7 – 9th), so here's your programme of events and general information. If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch with Jane Stevens (jane@snowsports.co.nz). If you have not registered for the Festival, make sure you [fill the registration form](#).

Skiing for the first time?

If you're skiing for the first time, or **if you need to use adaptive equipment** you definitely need to let us know in the [registration form](#). This is to make sure that we get the right gear and helpers allocated to you.

Are you a Snow Sports NZ adaptive member?

Reminder to sign up as a Snow Sports NZ adaptive member – the benefits are listed [here](#). This is required in order to get your discounted ski passes.

We're on WhatsApp for all your questions

We've set up a WhatsApp group that anyone can join. You can use this for the Festival to ask questions, share photos, co-ordinate transport, arrange to meet up with others, and see what everyone is up to. Join it via [this link](#). Remember to introduce yourself to the group!

Weather

If the mountain is closed due to bad weather, we'll post an update [on the WhatsApp group](#) and [our Facebook page](#). If you are not able to access either of those, then let Jane know and we'll update you by text message or similar.

Things to remember

- It can get cold being on the snow all day, so wear warm clothes. Wear lots of layers as this traps the heat nicely. Don't wear cotton or jeans; go for synthetic fabrics or wool/merino.
- It's OK to ask questions! We are here to help. Look out for people wearing 'Snow Sports NZ' gear, Snow Sports Festival flags and banners (such as in the café) and other participants who may be wearing festival t-shirts.

Volunteers

The Adaptive Snow Sports Festival relies heavily on volunteers. These people are competent skiers and snowboarders who have been trained to help and support skiers with disabilities on the snow. Most of them are volunteering their time to help people enjoy snow sports. We will be arranging some lessons for new participants where we can so that people can learn and have fun on the snow as fast as possible. If you have been allocated some snow time with an instructor – make sure you are on time.

If you are feeling cold, unsafe or unwell, tell your volunteer / instructor. Volunteers and instructors are trained to deal with any and all manner of challenges you may have.

Rental equipment

If you need to rent clothing or standard ski gear, we recommend getting it on the mountain. Arrive earlier so that you can get that sorted first, if you are renting for multiple days – tell them when you make the booking, as you may be able to re-use the same equipment on following days. This can save the time and hassle of setting up the gear on subsequent days.

There may be concessions available on rental with your Adaptive Snow Sports membership too. Helmets are strongly recommended and essential if you are using a sit ski. **If you need to use adaptive equipment (and don't have your own) make sure that you've been in touch with us so that we can arrange that.**

Been to the festival before?

Remember that everyone starts somewhere at the beginning! Please make sure you welcome new participants and look out for them – include them and look out for their safety and wellbeing. It's also a good idea to bring your camera or GoPro, ask your volunteers/helpers to get footage of you on the snow.

Now - your PROGRAMME for the weekend!

Please note that this schedule maybe subject to change depending on mountain operations and available facilities with regard to Covid-19 procedures.

- Friday 7th – Open ski or snowboard day at Coronet Peak from 10am

There's no formal programme for skiing on Friday, but if you are around to ski Coronet Peak on Friday, please get in touch with [the WhatsApp group](#). We will work to ensure that the people who want to get on the snow can do so. Jane Stevens, Adaptive Snow Sports Manager, will be around on the snow with the rest of the Adaptive Snow Sports Committee. Drive up to the drop off area and ask for advice from the personnel for accessible parking.

If you require lessons on the Friday please contact adaptive@theremarkables.co.nz

- Friday 7th – meet and greet from 5.00pm to 6.00pm at Swiss-Belresort Coronet Peak

Get to know other members and volunteers around food and drinks after ski.

- Saturday 8th – Ski or snowboard day at the Remarkables from 10 am

Meet at the Remarkables Ski Area, where there will be plenty of accessible parking spaces set up. Please tell the parking attendants that you need an accessible car park and they will direct you. You'll need to have your permit displayed – don't forget it! Look out for the Adaptive Festival flags in the café, where an area has been reserved for us at the back of the café. There is a lift on the ground floor near rentals that will take you up to café, just ask any staff member for directions. At 10am there will be a 15-minute welcome in the café area, to run through information, then we'll allocate volunteers to support participants. Look out for the whiteboard set up with details of

who your volunteer is – this is where the crucial information is. Questions are of course very welcome!

- Saturday 8th from 5.45pm – Adaptive Forum - Lake Hayes Pavilion

Doors open from 5:45, 6pm start.

Come along and learn about adaptive snow sports from people across all disciplines. This is a great opportunity to meet the Adaptive Snow Sports Committee and have your say in the development of the sport. This is an informal event, and you're welcome to ask any questions. We'll also announce the fun event on Sunday.

- Saturday 8th – dinner, 7.30pm at The New Orleans Hotel – Arrowtown

Come along and get to know other participants, friends, family, volunteers and committee members. This is a purely social event! Please let us know if you would like to attend and we will send you the menu for you to choose your dinner in advance.

- Sunday 9th – ski and snowboard day at the Remarkables 10am

Again, look out for the reserved area in the café and the whiteboard with information. We'll hold a fun event (time TBC – check the whiteboard and WhatsApp).

We look forward to seeing you all at the festival!