

Schools Challenger Cup Series 2025

Entry & Competition Information

Event Dates:

- **#1:** Tuesday, 11 March
- **#2:** Tuesday, 13 May
- **#3:** Tuesday, 5 August (Auckland Champs)

Venue:

Snowplanet, Silverdale

Entries

- Entries must be completed via Snowplanet's website under the Events section.
- Payment is required at registration and is **non-refundable**.
- For queries, contact **Michelle Simpson (Events Manager)** at michelle@snowplanet.co.nz.
- Entries close **48 hours prior** to each event.
- Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Events Manager and will incur a **\$20 late fee**.

Cost:

\$69 per athlete per event

Event Schedule

- **7:45 AM** – Facility opens, number pick-up begins
- **8:30 AM** – All athletes must be on-site
- **8:45 AM** – Athlete briefing
- **9:00 AM** – Event start
- **3:00 PM (approx.)** – Event completion

Course Inspection

- Athletes may visually inspect the course from outside the fenced area before the race.
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Eligibility

- Competitors must be enrolled as a student at the school they represent.
- Open to **Primary and Intermediate students (Years 0–8)**.

Entry Requirements

- Helmets are **mandatory** (Helmets can be rented at Snowplanet).
 - All athletes must be able to **link turns in control from the top of Snowplanet and ride the platter lift unassisted**.
 - Schools may enter **an unlimited number of athletes**.
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Event Format

Event #1 – Tuesday, 11 March

- **Race:** 2 runs, combined GS (all year levels)
- **Box Jam:** 1 practice run, 1 judged run, top athletes advance to a second judged run (**Years 3+ only**)

Event #2 – Tuesday, 13 May

- **Race:** 2 runs, combined GS (all year levels)
- **Dual:** GS times determine matchups, 1st vs. 2nd, school points only (**Years 3+ only**)

Event #3 – Tuesday, 5 August (Auckland Champs)

- **Race:** 2 runs, combined GS (all year levels)
 - **Slopestyle:** 1 practice run, 1 judged run, top athletes advance to a second judged run (**Years 3+ only**)
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Race Rules

- Racers must compete in **run sheet order**.
- Course inspection is visual only. This means no slip of the course.
- **Combined time** of both runs determines ranking.
- Two identical courses; each racer runs both.
- **Missed gates must be hiked** or result in disqualification.
- **Missed start = disqualification**.
- The **start list is final** and applies to all events.
- Individual medals will be awarded.

Box Jam & Slopestyle Rules

- Open to **Years 3+** (*Year 1 & 2 may be approved upon request*).
- Competitors must **follow run sheet order**.

- 1 warm-up run before competition.
- 1 judged run, with **top 3–10 advancing to a final judged run.**
- Individual medals will be awarded.

Dual Format (Event #2 Only)

- Open to **Years 3+** (*Year 1 & 2 may be approved upon request*).
- Matchups based on **GS results.**
- **4 points for the winner, 2 points for second place.**
- No medals – **points contribute to school rankings.**

Scoring System

Race Points

- Points awarded based on **year/gender/discipline category.**
- **1st place = 100 points, 2nd = 99 points, 3rd = 98 points, etc.**
- If more than 100 competitors in a group, the scale will adjust.
- **Disqualifications (DQ)** due to equipment failure = **1 point.**

Slopestyle & Box Jam Scoring

- Scored **out of 100** based on overall impression.
- Judging criteria: **Fluidity & Control, Technical Difficulty, Overall Impression.**
- **Best run counts.**
- Falls result in deductions.
- **Disqualification (DQ)** due to equipment failure = **1 point.**

Competition Rules

- Only the **Chief of the Event, Race, or Slopestyle** can issue disqualifications.
- Start orders **cannot be changed** after finalization.
- **Re-runs** are permitted only due to external interference (e.g., another racer or timing malfunction).
- Racers must pass through **all gates and finish lines correctly.**
- No competitor, manager, or parent may **forerun or maintain** the course.

Protests

- **Protests must be in writing** on an official protest form.
- A **\$100 non-refundable fee** applies.
- Protest jury: **Event Manager, Chief of Race/Slopestyle, and one course official.**
- Jury decisions are **final.**

Awards

Individual Awards

- **Top 3 per year/gender/discipline** receive gold, silver, and bronze medals.
- Ties result in **duplicate medals** being awarded.

School Points & Overall Series Awards

- Schools earn **points per event**.
- No medals for individual school event results.
- **Overall School Series Awards** are based on cumulative points across all events.
- **Series winners announced on Tuesday, 5 August 2025.**

Auckland Championships (Tuesday, 5 August)

- Final event of the **Schools Challenger Cup and Auckland Primary & Intermediate Snowsports Championships.**
- Points count toward **both the Auckland Champs and overall series standings.**
- School awards will be presented for **Auckland Champs and overall series winners.**

Race Day Preparation

Pre-Race:

- **Tuned skis & snowboards** perform better on rough courses.
- Dress warmly – **long periods of waiting** inside the dome can be cold.

Clothing & Gear:

- Label **all removable clothing items** with the athlete's name.
- Keep **personal belongings in the team area.**

Additional Tips:

- Bring **extra clothing** in case of temperature changes.
 - **Books or games** can help pass time while waiting.
 - Eat a **good breakfast** before arriving.
 - Ensure **athletes have food/drinks** or money for the restaurant.
 - **Arrive early** to avoid delays.
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