



New Zealand Camp 2026

26th July – 30th August (5x weeks) / 9th September (6.5 weeks)

Introduction & Outline

The Ambition New Zealand Camp is an Open Summer Camp and forms part of a comprehensive summer program at Ambition that includes the New Zealand Camp, Zermatt Camp and Neuss Camps, spanning the UK school summer holidays period.

The 2026 Camp sees Ambition head to New Zealand once again, to make full use of everything that Queenstown / Arrowtown & Coronet Peak have to offer. The Ambition New Zealand Camp should feel less like a 'camp' and more like a 'mini season', training at Coronet Peak on the Rocky Gully T-bar (New Zealand's answer to the Hinterreith style of piste found at our base in Austria). With low altitude living and a quick lift turnaround, Ambition skiers will have the chance to access an incredibly large volume of training to help everyone prepare for the European season ahead.

Due to the distance travelled and subsequent recovery, the Ambition New Zealand Camp has a minimum 3-week attendance policy, subject to availability, through to a full 7-week camp option.

Travel, Transport & VISA requirements.

Any Ambition coaching kit & team athlete equipment can be brought back to the UK to be collected following the Ambition Zermatt Glacier Camp in July, or if you are joining us for a one-off camp, then all equipment will travel with you directly to New Zealand.

Athletes travel to NZ with all luggage accompanying them on flight. Coaching equipment will also be transported in this way, the cost of which will be split equally between the athletes in attendance. An Ambition Kit List will be provided but athletes should travel light, with Slalom and Giant Slalom equipment only.

Ambition will advise which flights to book and will provide accompaniment on flights at the start and end dates of the camp only (as a starting point). Please note that athletes will need to have an ESTA (if we pass through US) as well as an NZETA (for New Zealand) also.

Once in New Zealand, Ambition hires vehicles for transport to and from the hill each day. Coronet Peak is located around 20 minutes from Arrowtown on a fully tarmacked road.



Location & Accommodation

The Ambition New Zealand Camp base can be found in Arrowtown, located 20-minutes from Coronet Peak and 50-minutes from Cardrona. Residing in Arrowtown gives us the possibility of early morning access to both ski resorts which, makes it convenient for FIS / Children's race events.

Arrowfields, where the team houses are located, is within walking distance of a small town centre that includes a medical centre, shops, cafes, bars, physios, cinema and more. We are circa 15-minutes drive to the nearest hospital, airport and both of the main gyms (Crossfit & Sports complex). There are also a great many scenic running / hiking trails to be found locally in what is one of the most beautiful parts of the area.

We rent houses (depending on numbers) and split the athletes based around age & gender, with staff spread across each as appropriate. Ski prep is carried out on site (each house has its own garage) & there will be a member of staff present to take on both the preparation of meals and the pastoral care of the team.

Training & Racing

Training lanes are allocated from 0700 – 1000 or 1000 - 1230 each day. These time slots allow us plenty of training on Rocky Gully (3-4 minute lap time) and is where the true value comes from; being able to do a lot of skiing / skill development / repetition. Whilst at Coronet we are aligned with Coberger Academy – where we normally share a lane with other top level international athletes on a daily basis – which is great for observing and picking up new skills. The whole experience is sociable, enjoyable and offers great exposure to different athletes of a high level. We aim to include 4-5 days of training each week, with 1x rest day and 1x free skiing / experience day.

Races information for both FIS & Children's events can be found on the various FISski and NZski calendars. For FIS athletes attending this camp, our aim is to get as many starts as possible, with small fields and good bib numbers, to give us the best chances of success. Regarding U16 / U14 athletes, we will register with the local ski club (Wanaka Ski Club) to enable us the opportunity to compete locally in the Junior Interfield and National Poitns circuits.

FIS athletes will likely do anywhere between 10-12 race starts, whilst children will likely take on around 4-6 races. The ANC events (Australia New Zealand Continental Cup) move to Australia for 1x series of 4 races which, we will attend only if finances allow and it makes sense from a strategic point of view.

Please note, only the 7-week option in 2026 includes the Coronet Peak events for FIS athletes, including the National Championships (NC) and the final leg of the Continental Cup series (ANC).



Staffing & Personnel

The Ambition New Zealand Camp staffing includes a minimum of 2x coaches and 1x Chef / Pastoral staff member. In 2026, the team for this camp will be Marc Telling, Ben Cunningham & Ella Dixon.

Pricing

FULL CAMP: 5-weeks, from 26th July – 30th August = **£11,975***

EXTENDED CAMP: 6.5-weeks, from 26th July – 9th September = **£14,275***

To confirm your place simply pay the non-refundable deposit through the Ambition website pages before 15th May. The balance of the New Zealand Camp will be split equally and charged on 1st July & 1st August.

1. Athletes / families travelling separately are responsible for their own transfers to / from the team accommodation. Any additional transfers provided by Ambition will be charged accordingly.
2. Shorter duration camps may be possible but will not necessarily be charged 'pro rata'. Please enquire directly to discuss any special circumstances / arrangements.
3. All Athletes are to hold travel insurance that covers ski racing.
4. Cancellations for any reason, within 30 days of the camp start date will result in the loss of any deposits paid. All costs incurred must be claimed through insurances.
5. Minimum numbers need to be met to run the camp, if these are not met, deposits will be refunded.
6. Additional costs include;
 - a. Athlete flights & baggage.
 - b. Team / coaching equipment baggage.
 - c. Cultural & rest day trips / activities.
 - d. Meals if eaten away from team self catered accommodation.
 - e. FIS trips away from New Zealand base accommodation (AUS trip for example)
 - f. Lift Passes and lane fees (including coaches passes). Coronet Lanes are charged £125 / day / athlete.
 - g. Personal Travel Insurance.