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White won Olympic gold in snowboard halfpipe at Vancouver 2010 after dominating the same event at the inaugural Winter Games NZ six months earlier. Still regarded by many as world number one in halfpipe, he will face stiff competition at Cardrona Alpine Resort this year from the likes of Iouri Podladtchikov from Switzerland and Finland's Markus Malin who took superpipe silver at January's X-Games Aspen.

As well as winter sports powerhouses like the US, Canada and Switzerland entries have been received from nations as varied as Chinese Taipei, Ireland, Belgium and British Virgin Islands.

Winter Games NZ chief executive, Arthur Klap said the quality of entries means this year's event is shaping up to be the best ever.

"The 2013 Games is a vital stepping stone to Sochi and the importance of Olympic qualification is clearly attracting all the top names to New Zealand. I would expect many of the medal winners here in the Southern Alps to be on the podium in Russia next February and this is our chance to see them compete first hand," he said.

Audi quattro Winter Games New Zealand 2013 takes place over 11-days from 15-25 August at the international resorts of Coronet Peak, Cardrona Alpine Resort and Snow Farm, along with the Maniototo Curling International Rink. Set against the spectacular backdrop of New Zealand's Southern Alps, the Games also include a full Downtown Sessions festival programme featuring films, live music and entertainment in Queenstown and Lake Wanaka.

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