Bobsleigh
The sport of bobsleigh began around 1886 when the first sled was built in Britain. Bobsleigh joined the Olympic Programme in 1924.

Blair Telford
The drive and determination of a few New Zealanders living in North America in the 1980s led to our first bobsleigh team competing at the XV Olympic Winter Games at Calgary (Canada) in 1988. Blair Telford from Taranaki, already an achiever in New Zealand surf lifesaving, was part of that inaugural team.

Short Track Speed Skating
Although ice skating events have been part of the Olympic Games since 1908, short track speed skating only joined the Olympic Programme in 1992.

Chris Nicholson
Chris Nicholson grew up in Auckland playing a variety of sports and began ice skating as a teenager. Chris is a dual Olympian, having competed in cycling at the Games of the XXV Olympiad at Barcelona (Spain) in 1992, only months after returning from competing in short track speed skating at the XVI Olympic Winter Games at Albertville (France) in February 1992.

Snowboarding
Snowboarding started in the United States in 1965 but it was not added to the Olympic Programme until 1992. Mt Yakebitai near Nagano (Japan) hosted the first Olympic Winter Games snowboard (giant slalom) competition in 1998.

Annelise Coberger
Annelise Coberger of Christchurch began skiing at the age of three and went on to compete on the national and international ski racing circuits in the late 1980s and early 1990s. At the XVI Olympic Winter Games at Albertville (France) in 1992, Annelise became the first skier from the Southern Hemisphere to win an Olympic Winter Games medal.

Pamela Bell
Pamela Bell from Wellington spent many winter weekends with family at Mount Ruapehu. Pam to snowboarding and included worldwide competition after a place in the 1998 New Olympic Winter Games. Today boarders through the work of the Academy.