

Special Olympics Rotorua



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Who are we?

Special Olympics Rotorua provides an opportunity for our intellectually disabled athletes to train and participate in athletic competitions locally, nationally and internationally. We offer six sporting codes for our athletes to train in – Soccer/Football, Tenpin Bowling, Swimming, Basketball, Bocce and Indoor Bowls. We have a Facebook page and a website. <https://www.specialolympicsrotorua.co.nz/>

What do we do?

Provide training on a weekly basis which develops their physical fitness and enhances their skills. It allows our athletes to realise their own potential within their chosen sport and grow their friendships within the Special Olympics community.

Why do we need your help?

The National Summer Games (NSG) are held every four years. Last year they were postponed so this year are being held in Hamilton from Thursday 8th December to Monday 12th December. We have a total of 44 athletes who have qualified to compete in their respective sport making it one of the largest team of athletes that we have ever taken. For ten of them, this will be their first NSG. As all of our athletes have differing intellectual disabilities, the number of carers (17) required to travel away with the team alongside coaches means our team total is 61. Our volunteers will take time off work and time away from family to ensure the success of our team.

What can you do to help?

In order to travel away our team is required to raise a total of approximately \$80,000. This covers registration fees, transport and accommodation costs alongside new uniforms for our growing team. Many of our athletes rely on a benefit as their source of income so are unable to fully fund this trip. Each athlete contributes \$400 and where possible they help with fundraising. We need your help to raise the fees required. One way of doing this is to 'Sponsor an Athlete'. These funds are used for the team as a whole. Profiles of the athletes, including why they are looking forward to the NSG, are on the following pages.









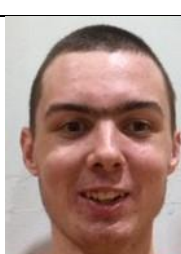



Sponsor an Athlete.

If you wish to Sponsor an Athlete, donations can be made to Special Olympics Rotorua via Direct Credit to **ANZ 06-0996-0153831-01**. Please put your **name, "NSG Sponsor" and the athlete's name** as a reference. Please email the details of the donation and a receipt will be forwarded to you. Donations are eligible for a tax refund.

Email Jill Allely rotorua@specialolympics.org.nz

Your generosity is appreciated.

Meet the Team

	<p>Richard Waterreus Basketball</p> <p><i>This is my second games and I reckon we'll do well.</i></p>		<p>Corvette Walsh Basketball</p> <p><i>First games. Looking forward to getting involved.</i></p>
	<p>James Lock Basketball</p> <p><i>First games. Meeting new people at my first games.</i></p>		<p>Ruaumoko Pukepuke Basketball</p> <p><i>Looking forward to playing against my team mates from the 2019 World Games.</i></p>
	<p>William Hawker Basketball</p> <p><i>First games. Not sure what to expect but it's exciting.</i></p>		<p>Bodie Hardiman Basketball</p> <p><i>First games and that makes it exciting.</i></p>
	<p>Kris Roguski Basketball</p> <p><i>It's fun. Looking forward to playing with my team against others and making new friends.</i></p>		<p>Brent George Basketball</p> <p><i>It's good to meet new people.</i></p>
	<p>Keyarn Pulford Basketball</p> <p><i>First games and looking forward to having an awesome time.</i></p>		<p>Leo Coleman Basketball</p> <p><i>Getting involved and winning.</i></p>
	<p>Harema Miki Swimming</p> <p><i>Looking forward to doing backstroke, freestyle and a relay for the first time.</i></p>		<p>Tui Martin Swimming</p> <p><i>Swimming my best and hopefully getting medals.</i></p>

	<p>Natalie Birch Swimming</p> <p><i>Looking forward to having fun meeting friends. I've been in Australia. In 2009 I competed in Palmerston North.</i></p>		<p>Bailey Conlon Swimming</p> <p><i>First games. Just swimming my best and seeing how well I do.</i></p>
	<p>Madison Edwards Bocce</p> <p><i>Meeting new people, watching teams play and trying my best.</i></p>		<p>Conor Allely Bocce</p> <p><i>Winning another medal and having fun with my friends.</i></p>
	<p>Heaven-Lea Cooper Bocce</p> <p><i>Loved the last National Summer Games and can't wait to go to this one.</i></p>		<p>Paige Sullivan-Hona Bocce</p> <p><i>Playing Bocce and meeting new people from around NZ.</i></p>
	<p>Sean Morrison Bocce</p> <p><i>I don't know. Ask Mum.</i></p> <p><i>(This will be Sean's first games.)</i></p>		<p>Te Waikura Witoko Bocce</p> <p><i>Second games and so excited to go again and help others in my team do well.</i></p>
	<p>Emilija Berry Bocce</p> <p><i>First games. Looking forward to a new experience.</i></p>		<p>Anthea Glasgow Bocce</p> <p><i>Competing against new people. Looking forward to playing a new sport and doing my best. I played football last time.</i></p>
	<p>Matthew Gibbs Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Helping my team win medals and hopefully getting one for myself.</i></p>		<p>Gregg Hyde Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Getting into competition and bringing back medals like last time.</i></p>

	<p>Dominic Bowen Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Winning, getting medals and looking forward to my family watching me.</i></p>		<p>Shannon Cooper Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Having fun, spending time with old friends and bringing back more medals.</i></p>
	<p>Lionel Boielle Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Looking forward to going to Hamilton and getting a medal.</i></p>		<p>Jesse Snowdon Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Being able to compete and hopefully doing well.</i></p>
	<p>Adrian Rowe Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Meeting up with old friends and winning medals.</i></p>		<p>Nadia Ngeru Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Been several times to National Summer Games and hopefully adding to my gold medals.</i></p>
	<p>Marcel Kessels Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Bringing back medals and playing against old mates.</i></p>		<p>Bailey Dunbar Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Getting involved and meeting new people.</i></p>
	<p>Angela Malcolm Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Having heaps of fun and always playing my best.</i></p>		<p>Esther Miller Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>First games. Excited to play other teams from around NZ and hope to get a medal.</i></p>
	<p>Delarnie Smith Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Having fun, catching up with old mates, hopefully getting one more gold than last time, which was two.</i></p>		<p>Angela Francis Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>First games. Looking forward to playing my best and getting a medal, I hope.</i></p>

	<p>Amelia Reeve Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>First games. Meeting people and bowling well.</i></p>		<p>Kelly Faulkner Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Enjoying myself, making friends. Last games were fun to experience.</i></p>
	<p>Caseylee Raston Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>Playing bowls and doing my best to win medals.</i></p>		<p>Simon Gillies Tenpin Bowling</p> <p><i>It was fun and amazing last time.</i></p>
	<p>Chris Ramlose Indoor Bowls</p> <p><i>Making new friends and winning hopefully.</i></p>		<p>Troy Stampa Indoor Bowls</p> <p><i>Looking forward to Indoor Bowls and hopefully getting gold.</i></p>
	<p>Allan Carroll Indoor Bowls</p> <p><i>Going away and meeting people. Doing my best to do well.</i></p>		<p>Jordan Dittmer Indoor Bowls</p> <p><i>Playing against other teams and trying my best to get a medal.</i></p>
	<p>Felicity Anderson Tenpin Bowling (Non-travelling reserve)</p>		<p>Carl Smith Tenpin Bowling (Non-travelling reserve)</p>
	<p>Maureen McLeod Tenpin Bowling (Non-travelling reserve)</p>		<p>Krystal McLeod Bocce (Non-travelling reserve)</p>