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JULY 2025



SPECIAL OLYMPICS NZ
**2025 NATIONAL
SUMMER GAMES**
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NEWSLETTER

Kia ora, and welcome back to the NSG Newsletter July edition! We're officially halfway through the year and there's lots going on: Volunteer Sign-Ups are now live, fresh new merch has dropped, LETR updates, Polar Plunge registrations are open, and that's just the tip of the iceberg. Get ready for an epic second half of the year!



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

REGISTRATION CLOSES

11TH JULY

FIRST INVOICE ISSUED

18TH JULY

CHECKING REPORT SENT OUT

15TH AUGUST

ACCOMMODATION ALLOCATION SENT TO CLUBS

25TH AUGUST

ROOMING LISTS RETURNED TO SONZ

10TH SEPTEMBER

To check our FAQ's and read the Refund Policy, please visit:

<https://www.nsg2025.co.nz/registrations/>

For any other questions, please email registrations@specialolympics.org.nz

NSG MERCHANDISE RANGE NOW AVAILABLE

Click [here](#) to check it out and order online!



ADD TO CART

HEALTHY ATHLETES PROGRAMME

Planning for the Healthy Athletes Programme is well underway, with our Clinicians and volunteers all looking forward to welcoming our athletes and team management to what is a great opportunity as part of the National Summer Games offering.

Based at the new Parakiore Recreation and Sports Centre alongside the Swimming and Basketball programmes, we are working to ensure the NSG sport schedules allow sufficient time for as many athletes to get through the various Healthy Athletes Programme screenings as possible.

To help make the most of the screenings, a quick reminder:

- If you are heading to your doctor over the next few months, please get them to check your ears for wax build up
- Keep on top of your teeth brushing- preferably twice a day!

We will provide further scheduling and programme information in the coming newsletters. But as always please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

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GAMES VILLAGE SPOTLIGHT

Special Olympics is taking over the University of Canterbury - and teams will be housed across 5 of the 'Halls of Residence' at the Uni.

Whilst every block looks a little different, here are some things that every attendee should expect during their stay.

- High standard king single bedrooms with shared bathroom facilities
- Wifi available in every block
- Great common areas, with games, activities and space to relax
- Delicious breakfast and dinner options, same menu across all blocks
- Laundry facilities in every block, free of charge (just bring detergent!)
- Selfie spots
- Designated bus pick ups & drop offs for each block, operated by **Tranzit** who are onboard to provide Games Transport again this year.





Take the Polar Plunge and support Special Olympics New Zealand!

Register for Wellington here: [WELLINGTON PLUNGE](#)

Register for Christchurch here: [CHRISTCHURCH PLUNGE](#)

Law Enforcement Torch Run

The Law Enforcement Torch Run which will see the Flame of Hope make its way around the country prior to the NSG and is a great opportunity for our teams to celebrate and build excitement for the Games.

The NZ Police are our key partner in this activation and are working with their local districts to ensure we are able to deliver a great programme.

Below are the likely dates and some initial thinking on locations for each region and club. Please note – we will provide a key contact for each region for clubs to liaise with directly once the NZ Police District contact has been confirmed. We hope to be able to provide these in the coming month.

CLUBS / REGION	LIKELY VENUE	DATE WINDOW	
		FROM	TO
Bay of Islands, Whangarei	Whangarei	Wednesday 1	Saturday 4 October
Greenhithe, Hibiscus Coast, North Harbour, Waitakere, Tamaki, Howick-Pakuranga, Counties, Mangere, Manukau, Papakura, Auckland	TBC	Sunday 5	Monday 13 October
Waikato, Te Awamutu and Thames Valley	Hamilton	Thursday 16	Saturday 18 October
Taupo, Rotorua and Tauranga	Tauranga	Sunday 19	Sunday 19 October
Hawkes Bay	Napier	Monday 20	Thursday 23 October
Taranaki, Manawatu, Wanganui, Horowhenua, Wairarapa	Palmerston North	Tuesday 28 October	Sunday 2 November
Wellington, Mana, Hutt Valley and Kapiti	Wellington	Thursday 6	Sunday 9 November
Marlborough, Motueka, Nelson and West Coast	Blenheim	Tuesday 10	Tuesday 25 November
Sth Canterbury, North Otago, Otago, Sth Otago, Eastern Southland and Southland	Dunedin or Invercargill	Thursday 27 November	Tuesday 2 December
Mid Canterbury, North Canterbury and Canterbury	Canterbury	Friday 5	Wednesday 10 December

VOLUNTEER FOR SOMETHING SPECIAL



A reminder that registrations to volunteer for the National Summer Games are now OPEN!

Click [HERE](#) or scan below to sign up.



SPORTS UPDATES

Club chairs and key NSG contacts have been emailed directly regarding any immediate sport updates.

The second round of sports webinars will be run early-mid August and will be followed by a full NSG update webinar. Please can coaches keep an eye out for these dates to ensure they can attend.

Kaha's Corner

Hello again, its me! Its getting chilly outside, but i'm still busy foraging for food, fluffing up my feathers and practicing my dance moves for the big party in Christchurch later this year!



Q: Dear Kaha, what is your favourite sport?

A: Kia ora! That's easy - cheering on the athletes! I'm not much of a runner (have you seen these legs?), but I'm a gold medallist in flapping, clapping, and making some serious noise from the sidelines. Every sport is awesome when you're part of the cheer squad!

KAHA'S RIDDLE!

I am a bird, I am a fruit, I am a person.
What am I?



A kiwi!

Thanks for all those who sent in their questions and jokes to me, I loved them!
Please click below to send me more!

SEND!

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