



National Summer Games Supporters Update

Games at a Glance

Thursday 8 Dec
Opening Ceremony | 4pm

Friday 9 Dec
Basketball | Bocce
Football | 10 Pin Bowling
Indoor Bowls | Swimming

Saturday 10 Dec
Athletics | Basketball
Bocce | Equestrian
Football | 10 Pin Bowling
Golf | Indoor Bowls |
Powerlifting | Swimming

Sunday 11 Dec
Athletics | Basketball
Bocce | Equestrian
Golf | 10 Pin Bowling
Indoor Bowls
Powerlifting | Swimming

Monday 12 Dec
Basketball | Swimming
Unified Football

Closing Ceremony | 4pm

*Please note, this schedule is
subject to change as team
registrations are confirmed*



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Special Supporters

The wider Special Olympics Whānau are part of making our event so memorable for the athletes and teams and we want to welcome as many supporters as possible to Hamilton this year to share in the fun.

All of our events are open to spectators free of charge and without needing a ticket, so visitors can check out all of the sports on offer and take in the excitement at the Opening and Closing Ceremonies being staged at the Claudelands Event Centre.

We are encouraging people travelling in to register for our *Special Supporter Package* which is available now until **13 November 2022**. By registering, supporters will be given accreditation that will allow them access to free public transport and the Athlete's Village. As well as this, they will have the opportunity to opt in to receive updates from the Games Team in the build up to and after the event.

To sign up as a Special Supporter, please register [here](#) or you can head to the [National Summer Games Website](#) and follow the link.

Anyone that is travelling as part of a Club Team does not need to register – you will have access to all of the above through your team registration.

Games Information

You will be able to find the draft NSG schedule via the website [here](#). Teams are still able to make some changes at the moment, so the final detailed schedule will be released in early November via the website. During the event, any updates to schedules, start lists and results will be published and available online for supporters to access.

Between now and the event we will be adding more information to the NSG website to give supporters all the information they need around accessing all the sports venues and what facilities and services are available so that you know what to bring with you for the best event experience.

NSG Merchandise

Designs for our special NSG merchandise are now finalised and you will soon be able to pre-order your favorite items online. Anything that is ordered online will be distributed at the main hub at Claudelands Events Centre during the Games.

As soon as the online shop is open, we will publish a link on our website and will send a message directly to anyone signed up for our Special Supporters Package so that you know as soon as it becomes available.

Opening & Closing Ceremonies

This year's Opening and closing ceremonies (both kicking off at 4pm) are set to be our best yet with lots of entertainment to look forward to which will have you on the edge of your seat. We hope you can make it along to the ceremonies as there will be something for everyone – athletes and supporters alike. Entry is free and open to all.

Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)

The LETR kicks off this weekend in Southland. Originally conceptualized in 1981, the LETR works to showcase and increase awareness of the Special Olympics movement with local Police Officers and Athletes carrying the Flame of Hope through New Zealand Communities. You can find further information and a schedule of the LETR attached.

Visiting Hamilton

If you are heading to Hamilton for the Games, there are plenty of other things to see and do. Check out the [Visit Hamilton Website](#) for ideas and helpful information to make the most of your time here.

With the support of Hamilton City Council we have been able to secure half price access to [Hamilton Zoo](#) for anyone with accreditation during the Games, which will include our *Special Supporters*.

Another place to visit whilst here is the beautiful [Hamilton Garden's](#) which are free to access and easy to get to via public transport.

Mobility Services

Mobility Centre Hamilton are offering mobility services for visitors to the NSG and can deliver equipment to venues. For anyone that is requiring additional support to get around Hamilton and the venues, this can be arranged with *Mobility Centre* Hamilton directly via their [website](#).

Unified Football

On **Monday 12 December** we will be hosting a Unified Football Match, kicking off at 10.30am at Claudelands Event Centre.

Unified Sports are an opportunity for people of all abilities to come together, breaking down stereotypes about people with an intellectual disability through the enjoyment of sport.

We encourage as many supporters as possible to join us, as our Special Olympics athletes join together with a host of personalities in an exhibition match which promises to be action packed and fun filled.

The Unified concept is a global initiative that we are proud to be supporting once again. If you want to find out more about Unified Sports, please visit the [Unified](#) website for information, resources and ideas about how to get involved and maybe start something in your local community.

Volunteering

We have nearly hit our target of 600 volunteers however still need a few more. If you know of anyone who is yet to register and will be in Hamilton when the games are on, please get them to register here: [Registration](#)

People can sign up to all days or just a couple of shifts and we have a range of roles which means there is something to suit everyone. If you are wanting to help out at mealtimes in the accommodation mornings and evenings or be at the center of the action at the sports venues in the middle of the day, we would love to have you join the team!

We are also on the lookout for any supporters who would be interested in being a volunteer MC (Master of Ceremonies) at some of our sports events. If you, or anyone you know is confident and great on the mic please get them to email Kieran for more info: volunteers@specialolympics.org.nz

