



This is an initial update on our preparations for the National Summer Games in Hamilton, Thursday 8th - Monday 12th December; further updates will follow. Also keep an eye on the NSG website <https://nsg2021.specialolympics.org.nz>



Team sponsorship

The team entry has been finalised and we are not allowed to make any more changes, so the non-travelling reserves listed will **not** be part of the team. You can view all the NSG athletes in the attached sponsorship form. If anyone would like to make a donation to help the whole team with additional expenses that we have not received funding for, e.g., travel bags, transport and miscellaneous items like laundry washing bags, the details are in the attachment.

Accommodation

The team will be staying in the WINTEC Student Village, 181 Collingwood St, near downtown Hamilton and just a few blocks from the tenpin bowling venue. The team will be accommodated in 13 five-bedroom villas, with one or two volunteers and up to four athletes in each villa. Breakfast and dinner will be at the campus nearby. More information will be given once sleeping arrangements have been finalised but you can check out the accommodation via this website: <https://www.wintec.ac.nz/student-resources/accommodation/student-village>

NSG Supporters

With the games being held in Hamilton for the first time since the 1990s, this is a great opportunity to come along and watch our athletes in action. At this stage we don't have any more information, including what the schedule is, apart from what is on the NSG website. You can sign up there for more information for supporters.

<https://nsg2021.specialolympics.org.nz/national-summer-games-supporters-page/>

Uniforms

We have most of the uniforms back but there are still some missing, so if you have one, please return ASAP. We will be using a mixture of old and new uniform items so need to know that the ones still in the possession of both athletes and volunteers are named and in good condition. N.B. Flat soled shoes are used for bocce and indoor bowls.

Training Sessions

With less than 5 weeks to go to the games, *it is important that NSG athletes take part each week in the training sessions for the sport they will compete in*, unless they are unwell. Also, the next NSG is only 3 years away in Christchurch. We will probably be taking a smaller team so showing commitment this time round and in the coming years increases an athlete's chances of being selected for 2025.

Save these Dates

Monday 21 November - Law Enforcement Torch Run

At this stage we have no more details so don't yet know what time this event will happen in Rotorua

Saturday 26th November 11am at Motion Entertainment - Final NSG Team Meeting

We would like every NSG athlete along with a parent or support person to attend this meeting if possible. There will be an opportunity to meet with the volunteers responsible for each athlete, updating contact details, filling in forms that will enable volunteers to better assist each athlete and giving out the team bags and uniforms.

Thursday 8th December - the NSG team leaves for Hamilton

The team will leave in the morning. The time and place of departure are yet to be confirmed.

Monday 12th December - The NSG team arrives home

This will be at night after the closing ceremony. Again, the time and place of arrival are yet to be confirmed.

Saturday 17th December 11am - 3.30pm Prizegiving at the Agrodome

This is for all our athletes, volunteers, families and support people. It will start with the prizegiving but there will be an opportunity to stay for lunch and take part in a Farm Tour and watch the Farm Show. Further details to come.