

Newsletter 24th June 2026

Term 2 ends 3rd July; Term 3 starts 20th July

Sports Last Day Term 1 / Start Day Term 2

NB From Term 2, Bocce and Indoor Bowls will start at 5pm, but next week will be at 4.15pm.



Swimming – Mondays 6pm – 7pm in the indoor deep pool, Rotorua Aquatic Centre. Last day 29 June / Start 20 July.



Soccer/Football - Tuesdays 6pm – 7pm at Lynmore Primary School gym
Last day 30 June / Start 21 July.



Bocce and Indoor Bowls - Wednesdays 5pm – 6pm at WHHS. Either in the hall or Te Maru. Last day 1 July at 4.15pm / Start 22 July, 5pm.



Basketball - Saturdays 9am – 10am at Lynmore Primary School gym



Last day 27 June / Start 25 July.
Tenpin Bowling - Saturdays at Strike Zone, Motion Entertainment, Te Ngae Rd. Two sessions: 9.30am – 10.30am (approx.) **two games** (Cost \$10) and **10.15am - 11am, one game** (\$5). Pay weekly or several weeks or a term at a time. Last day 27 June / Start 25 July.



Re-registrations
Most athlete and volunteer registrations have been rolled over into 2026. If during the year your details need updating, e.g. phone numbers, address etc., please tell your coach and/or Stella.



Volunteers
New volunteers are welcome but please talk to a coach or one of our Special Olympics Rotorua Trust board members first. Volunteers are police vetted every 3 years.

Read more information, including the Volunteer Code of Conduct, at <https://specialolympics.org.nz/registration-resources/>

Internet Banking for tenpin & tournament fees: Special Olympics Rotorua Trust
06 - 0996 - 0153831 - 01
For our reference, please put a name and what the payment is for.



Special Olympics Rotorua

Easter Raffle Results

The amount raised was \$1,867.

The winners of the 12 baskets were:
691 Wiremu; 590 Thien; 947 Bharti ;
1 Tere; 1010 Baylee N; 994 Chris M;
1100 Mayumi; 193 Maureen; 498 Stephen M;
327 Kylie B; 1140 Karen; 1023 Mike B



Tournaments for 2026

At this stage these are the ones we have run or will attend, but there may be others.

NB Details are subject to change.

9 May **Bocce** - Rotorua WHHS
20 June **Tenpin** - Rotorua
2 August **Indoor Bowls** – Ngatea
15 August **Tenpin** - Hamilton
19 September **Tenpin** - Tauranga
18 October **Swimming** - Te Awamutu
Football & Basketball – no tournaments yet



New Athletes Policy

There is a period of time of attendance before athletes can be officially signed up. They need to have a caregiver with them for 5 weeks or until they have a completed medical. Some athletes require 1-1 supervision even after registration.



Athletes can be signed up after 3 weeks but are not fully registered until a doctor fills out our Special Olympics medical form.

Full registration involves obtaining a medical every 4 years.

Enquiries please contact: Stella ph. 348 5889 or 027 818 3841 (Sports Coordinator)
Email: rotorua@specialolympics.org.nz Website: www.specialolympicsrotorua.co.nz
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A sign in procedure is in place for all sports. This ensures there are the correct number of volunteers per athletes, as this is part of abiding by the rules and legal obligations of SONZ.

The ratio is 1:4. N.B. Special Olympics Rotorua is run solely by volunteers: we do not have paid staff.



Transport: Athletes must be dropped off and picked up by a caregiver. It is not the responsibility of the volunteers to drop off and pick up athletes, without prior arrangement.

Special Olympics Athletes Code of Conduct



- I will be a good sportsperson and respect my Coach(es), other Athletes, Unified Partners and Volunteers.
- I will not use bad language. I will not verbally abuse, physically fight or intimidate anyone involved in Special Olympics.
- I will train regularly, try my best to learn and follow the rules, listen to my coach(es) and sports officials and ask questions when I don't understand.
- I shall perform to the best of my ability during training and competitions, including divisioning.
- I will take full responsibility for my actions and will not make inappropriate or unwanted physical, verbal or sexual advances to others.
- I will not drink alcohol, smoke or take illegal drugs while representing Special Olympics at training sessions, competitions or during Games.
- I will not take any drugs for the purpose of improving my performance.
- I understand that my Club and/or SONZ* may take disciplinary measures if I breach the Code of Conduct, and I may be subject to a range of consequences up to and including not being allowed to participate in Special Olympics training, events and activities. Alternatively, if I have reason to make a complaint, I can raise this with my Club or SONZ.

The above code is what you sign when you fill in or update your online registration form.

**SONZ = Special Olympics New Zealand, the national organisation to which we are affiliated.*

Our thanks...



- To our new athletes and their families for joining us this year.
- To the people who have responded to our request for new registered volunteers.
- For adjusting to the changes made to bocce and indoor bowls. We have combined the sports again so that we have enough volunteers. It means that athletes cannot do both sports on the same day but those who wish to will have a turn doing both during the year.
- To Chris B and Shona for organising our bocce and tenpin tournaments.
- To those who attended our AGM. The reports are on the newsletter page of our website.
- And to everyone involved in our club, those who support our facebook page and those who supported our Easter raffle.