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NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S COMING UP?

24th May: 200 days to go!

30th May: SO Athlete Design a t-shirt competition winner announced!

11th July: Team registrations close

June Newsletter edition:

Family accommodation,
Future Club NSG webinar
dates, School Competition &
more!

GAMES UPDATE

Welcome to the first edition of the NSG 2025 Newsletter!

With excitement building across the country, planning for the 2025 National Summer Games in Christchurch is well underway.

Our Sport Technical Directors and Management Teams continue to work on delivering an outstanding sport experience for all and we are hugely grateful for their donated time and efforts. The events team are now getting into all the details and welcome club feedback and questions.

We are excited to share that around 1300 athletes, and 400 support staff are set to take part. This is an incredible predicted turnout which highlights the strength and resilience of our community as we bounce back from the challenges of a delayed games delivered during Covid in 2022.

This monthly newsletter will keep you up to date with all the key information, updates, and stories as we count down to what promises to be an unforgettable celebration of sport, inclusion, and achievement.

DESIGN A T-SHIRT COMPETITION

Athletes, have you got a cool idea for a NSG T-Shirt?

We know we have some very creative athletes out there and we want your art front and centre! The winning t-shirt design will become part of our Official NSG 2025 Merchandise Range.

Click [HERE](#) to find out more and enter!



OPENING & CLOSING CEREMONIES - NEED TO KNOW!

Opening Ceremony - Wed 10 Dec

Wolfbrook Arena

Arrival from 3.30pm, event from 4.00pm - 5.45pm
Spectators Welcome!

Closing Ceremony - Sun 14 Dec

Parakiore Recreation and Sport Centre

Arrival from 4.45pm, event from 5.00pm - 8.30pm

This event is for SONZ Club Members & Athletes - no spectators!

'Give it a go' sessions - we need your feedback!

We're excited to introduce 'Give It a Go' sessions at the 2025 National Summer Games, designed to offer athletes the chance to try out new activities and experiences in a fun, relaxed setting.

These sessions will be built around our Sports and Healthy Athletes programme, providing exciting opportunities to explore different sports and activities.

Your feedback will help us shape these sessions and ensure they add real value to the Games experience.

[Follow this link to let us know your thoughts!](#)



I'M PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL TEE ORDER NOW!

Our much-anticipated t-shirts are now available to order online, with delivery in June. But that's not all — official National Summer Games merchandise is on the way. Keep an eye out for hoodies, keyrings, and the special 2025 edition of Kaha the Kiwi, arriving soon.



Special Olympics New Zealand is incredibly grateful to Freemasons New Zealand for their generous support of the NSG Volunteer Programme and we look forward to working together to provide an amazing experience for our teams attending the National Summer Games.

There are volunteer roles for everyone at the NSG; from magic medal ceremonies, to being part of our media team, supporting the delivery of sport to taking care of our volunteers, this will be an event full of incredible moments. If you are willing and have time to share your skills we have a role for you or potentially someone you know!

We would love to have you come onboard and be part of the event, supporting and celebrating our athletes achievements. Please sign up [here](#) and we will be in touch very soon with further detail. Thank you for Being Part of Something Special.



Public Profile

Kaha the Kiwi

Hey there, everyone! Born and raised in the heart of Aotearoa, I'm not just any kiwi—I'm the kiwi who loves to cheer on our incredible athletes and spread positivity wherever I go.

Likes: Anything that involves cheering, dancing, and snacks (preferably all at once)

Dislikes: People who don't wave back (I see you!) & waking up before noon.

Favourite Karaoke Song: 'Don't Stop Believin' — because whether you're an athlete, a volunteer or a kiwi with no flight skills, you've got to hold on to that feeling!

Favourite Snack: Kumara chips are my favourite—crispy, sweet, and homegrown, just like me! Worms are a good snack too!

Strengths: Boundless Enthusiasm - I may be flightless, but my energy is out of this world!

Weaknesses: I'm really bad at hide-and-seek (too fluffy) and often distracted by shiny objects

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