



## NEWSLETTER

### REGISTRATION FAQ'S

With the registration deadline just around the corner, we've gathered your most frequently asked questions - find answers on the NSG Website [here](http://www.nsg2025.co.nz).

Welcome to the second edition of our Special Olympics National Summer Games newsletter!

While winter settles in, the heat of Games planning is full steam ahead. A huge thank you to everyone who got involved in our 200 Days to Go celebrations and now, with just 183 days to go, we're charging ahead! In this issue: Sport updates, Closing Party information, and Kaha is back with a new column. Grab a cuppa and settle in!

**Have you ordered your  
'Something Special'  
T-Shirt yet?**

These t-shirts are only available in NZ. Orders are live now - for delivery this month!



### SUPPORTERS ACCOMMODATION EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

We're exploring the option of offering affordable single room campus accommodation for families and supporters attending the National Summer Games. This won't be part of the official Games Village, but it's would be a great low cost alternative to hotels. Availability will depend on demand, so if you're interested, please register [here](http://www.nsg2025.co.nz).

## SPORTS UPDATES

Please keep an eye on the sports section of the National Summer Games website for updates to sports formats and events, and for rule adjustments which override the 2022 rulebook. These are both downloadable PDF's.



**Ten Pin Bowling** will be run as a Scratch tournament at the NSG. Clubs are required to enter their athletes' bowling averages in the sports registration form. Instructions on how to do this are available on the NSG website under Sports - Ten Pin Bowling Rules.

A great update for the NSG **Equestrian Programme** led by the Christchurch RDA in partnership with SONZ, is that all required horses needed to cater for our athletes who have expressed interest in competing at NSG are secured. The Equestrian competitors are capped at 35 athletes, with all those impacted having received ongoing comms and updates.



**Golf** will run under the Handicap system at the National Summer Games. Clubs are required to enter athlete and unified partners handicaps in the sports registration form. If your athlete or unified partner does not have a handicap and is entering 9 hole (level 2 or 4) you will enter 27 as the assigned handicap.

If the athlete or unified partner does not have a handicap and is entering 18 hole (level 3 or 5) they will enter 36 as their assigned handicap. Team handicaps will be the team average.

*For any questions on NSG sport, please contact Mitch Rhodes  
[sport@specialolympics.org.nz](mailto:sport@specialolympics.org.nz)*



**DID YOU KNOW?**

Christchurch's Hagley Park is one of the largest inner-city green spaces in the world? Perfect for a stroll, picnic, or a game of cricket.

**NSG CLOSING PARTY !**

We have renamed it a PARTY and it's all about celebrating what will have been an amazing week of sport, competition, inclusion, fun and friendship – with minimal formalities and maximum athlete fun!

After missing the disco in 2022 this year we are hosting the finale at Parakiore and will focus on – dance – disco – dinner with a few short formalities to officially close the NSG. So forget ceremony and come ready to party.

This event will be open to our athletes, clubs and a few VIPs, and will run from 4.00pm – 8.30pm on Sunday 14 December.

To make sure we are ready and can plan the best closing ever we will need teams to RSVP, and will be sending registration information late July once all Clubs are registered and know their plans.

While we want to keep a few surprises we can confirm you will need to pack your best disco outfits!



**Massive congratulations again to our winner of the NSG 'Design a T-shirt Competition', Bradley!**

**Kaha's Corner**

Kia ora! It's me, Kaha the Kiwi!  
Your favourite mascot and  
now your go-to advice bird.

Welcome to Kaha's Corner, where I answer your 'Dear Kaha' questions and share a joke to keep things light and fun.

**Q:** Dear Kaha,  
I really want to make new friends at the Games, but I'm a bit shy. Any tips? – *Anonymous*

**A:** Hello,  
You're not alone. Lots of athletes feel shy at first! A smile and a friendly 'Kia ora' go a long way. Just be yourself and be kind. That's how real friendships start. And remember, you've already got one friend here - me!

**KAHA'S CRACKER!**

What is Kaha the Kiwi's favourite game?



Beak-a-boo!

Have you got a burning question or want to submit a joke? Click below to send a message to Kaha's Inbox.

**SEND!**

**Thank You To Our Supporters**