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SPECIAL OLYMPICS NZ  
**2025 NATIONAL  
SUMMER GAMES**  
ŌTAUHI CHRISTCHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER

**42 CLUBS, 1205 ATHLETES, 479 TEAM MANAGEMENT & 511 VOLUNTEERS REGISTERED FOR NSG 2025!**

**Thank you to all our clubs for your incredible effort getting entries in by 11 July!**



We're thrilled to see such strong numbers rolling in and want to acknowledge the huge work that's gone into getting athletes signed up by the clubs. Our registration team is now busy behind the scenes processing all the details, from sports to accommodation and beyond. The early numbers are looking fantastic, and we can't wait to welcome you all to Christchurch this December for an unforgettable National Summer Games!

### What's inside?

We've hit a big milestone – club registrations are now closed, which means... things are really happening!

In this issue, we've got heaps of exciting updates to help you get ready. There's info for your friends, whānau and supporters, important dates for webinars, and a sneak peek at what's coming up in the Family Programme.

You'll also find a very fun Kaha's Corner - lets talk PARTY!



### Dates for your diary

**Friday 15 August:**

Checking reports distributed

**Friday 22 August:**

First invoice due

**Monday 25 August:**

All clubs to have received accommodation allocation & rooming list templates

**End of August**

NSG Sports Guide issued to Clubs

**Wednesday 3 September:**

NSG Webinar Update

**SPORTS WEBINAR DATES:**

**Indoor Bowls** | Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August

**Football** | Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August

**Bocce** | Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August

**Equestrian** | Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August

**Swimming** | Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August

**Athletics** | Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August

**Basketball** | Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August

**Ten Pin Bowling** | Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August

**Golf** | Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August

**Powerlifting** | Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August

If you have not recieved an invite, email Mitch  
[sport@specialolympics.org.nz](mailto:sport@specialolympics.org.nz)



## FAMILY & FRIENDS PROGRAMME

Families and friends are at the heart of Special Olympics, and we're thrilled to have launched the Family & Friends Programme website pages for The National Summer Games.

There is currently information on the following:

- Registration and accreditation for family members & spectators
- Accommodation options & transportation discounts
- Things to do in Christchurch (and discount codes for activities!)
- Spectator information for venues
- Parking and catering information for venues

**CLICK [HERE](#) TO CHECK OUT  
THE FAMILY & FRIENDS  
PAGE!**

## Polar Plunge 2025!

A huge shoutout to everyone who braved the chill and made Polar Plunge 2025 a splashtastic success! Your energy and icy courage helped raise vital funds and awareness for Special Olympics NZ, we couldn't have done it without you!





With over 150 brave plungers in Wellington taking on a crisp dip, and an equally awesome turnout in Christchurch, Polar Plunge 2025 was nothing short of epic! Thank you to everyone who showed up, dressed up, and dived in, your courage and community spirit are what make this event so special.



## More information on the following coming soon...

- 100 days to go - Mon 1 September!
- Games Information Packs - to be issued in November
- Sunflower Lanyards & Luggage Labels - these will be sent out in November
- Healthy Athletes Programme will be in touch with teams in the coming months as timings are identified for athletes to attend

## Kaha's Corner



**Q:** Dear Kaha, are you looking forward to the games?

**A:** YES! I can't wait! I'm excited for all of it. The sports, the cheering, the high fives, and seeing all your awesome skills in action.

But... if I'm being honest... I'm especially excited about the Closing Party!

Dancing with all of you is the best part, and I want to make sure the music is amazing!

What songs do **YOU** want to hear at the Closing Party?

Send me your favourite dance tunes, party anthems, or songs that make you feel like a superstar. I'll pass them on to the party team! i!

**SEND KAHA YOUR  
REQUEST HERE!**

## Thank You To Our Supporters

