

# BE PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL

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**2025 NATIONAL  
SUMMER GAMES**  
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## FAMILY & FRIENDS NEWSLETTER



Kia ora, and welcome! We're so excited to have over 500 Family & Friends supporters registered to attend the 2025 National Summer Games!

This newsletter includes everything you need to know about accreditation, Opening Ceremony, access to venues, and special events during Games Week.



### ACCREDITATION: NEED TO KNOW

All registered Family & Friends Programme members will receive special accreditation on arrival.

#### Your accreditation helps us:

- Identify our VIP family supporters
- Provide access to Family/Friends preferential seating where available
- Ensure event volunteers can easily assist you



#### Explore Christchurch

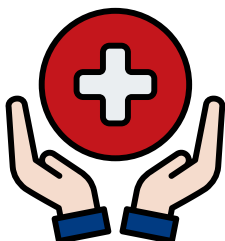
There is so much to see and do around the city during Games Week.

From local attractions to parks, markets, restaurants, and sightseeing, Christchurch has something for everyone.

Click [here](#) to find out more!

### Health at the Games

The health and well being of our athletes are a priority throughout the NSG – if you feel unwell prior to or during the games please stay home.





## Family Forum

The Family Forum on Sunday 14 December, 2.30pm - 4.30pm, is now at full capacity. You will receive a confirmation email by 28/11 confirming your place and all the event and venue information you need. If you do not receive this, please contact [projects@specialolympics.org.nz](mailto:projects@specialolympics.org.nz).

## Accreditation Collection

We will have two opportunities for you to collect your accreditation:

### Ilam Homestead (University of Canterbury)\*

Wednesday 3 Dec | 1.00pm – 7.00pm

Thursday 4 Dec | 3.00pm – 7.00pm

Friday 5 Dec | 3.00pm – 7.00pm

Saturday 6 Dec | 10.00am – 2.00pm

Sunday 7 Dec | 10.00am – 2.00pm

\*Please note this is a volunteer pack pick up zone too.

### Wolfbrook Arena – Opening Ceremony

If you are unable to collect beforehand, you can pick up your accreditation on arrival at the Opening Ceremony from 3.00pm.

Please note:

- You must be wearing accreditation to access the designated Family/Friends seating area
- We strongly recommend arriving no later than 3.15pm if you need to collect it, so you have plenty of time to reach your seat for the 4.00pm start
- Family/friends without accreditation can still attend the Opening Ceremony and all sports, but will be seated in public seating areas

## OPENING CEREMONY INFORMATION



**Date:** Wednesday 10 December



**Time:** 4.00pm–6.00pm  
(Recommended arrival: 3.30pm or earlier if collecting accreditation)



**Dress:** Informal / Comfortable



**Venue:** Wolfbrook Arena,  
55 Jack Hinton Drive, Addington



**Parking:** Free parking is available on-site

## Athlete & Team Accommodation

The Games Village and accommodation at the University of Canterbury are team-only spaces.

This is a special opportunity for teams to build their own “Team Bubble” during Games Week, bonding, relaxing, and enjoying their time together.

For this reason, the Games Village is not accessible to families, friends, sponsors, or supporters.

If you’d like to meet up with your athlete or team management, we encourage you to arrange this at their sports venue or elsewhere in Christchurch.

Thank you for helping us maintain this important athlete environment.

