



Halberg Games 2018

Essential Information

What is the Halberg Games?

The Halberg Games is an annual three day sports competition open to 8-21 year olds with a physical or visual impairment.

Hosted by the Halberg Foundation, the Games is a unique event in New Zealand and gives athletes an opportunity to enjoy the thrill of competition, healthy comradery and make new friends.

Athletes experience an authentic Games village environment and can try new sports while pursuing further sporting goals. For some athletes the Games may be a stepping stone towards future sporting goals and even representing New Zealand in their chosen sport.

When is the Halberg Games?

The 2018 Halberg Games will be held on the 5th, 6th, and 7th of October in Auckland, New Zealand. This is the middle weekend of the third school holidays.

Where is the Halberg Games?

The event will be held at Kings College, Auckland, with all sports and events onsite.

Who is taking part?

The Halberg Games is open to athletes aged between 8 and 21 years with a physical or a visual impairment. The Games aim to provide options for all abilities and levels of participation.

Athletes can represent their region from anywhere in New Zealand and can take part as an individual or as part of a regional team.



The regional teams will be managed by Parafeds or Team Managers. Contact your Team Manager from the list below as a first point of call to find more information or to register.

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Halberg Adviser Contacts

You can also contact your regional Halberg Adviser who can point you in the right direction.

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How do we register?

To register, contact your Team Manager or local Halberg Adviser and they will support you through the process.

What sports are at the Halberg Games for 2018?

There are currently 20 sports confirmed for the 2018 Halberg Games these are:

- Ambulant Football
- Archery
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Blind Cricket
- Boccia
- Water Safety
- Goalball
- Powerchair Football
- Swimming
- Rowing
- MāoriGames
- Gymnastics
- Pop Tennis
- Wheelchair Basketball
- Wheelchair Rugby
- Table Tennis
- Golf
- Blind Rugby
- Adaptive Cricket

A full schedule of the sports is available at www.halberggames.co.nz/Schedule

For more news and updates, visit our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Halberggames



How are athletes supported during the Games?

The Games are designed to deliver a very broad tournament-style experience for all participants where they can stay in residence and compete against athletes with similar impairments. The Games give athletes a full programme of sports, hostel style accommodation and meals.

We recognise that many of the participating athletes will require individual attention or specialist daily care. The Games are set up to accommodate assistants or carers who are directly involved with the athletes during the Games. They generally stay in the accommodation provided, share meals and join in and support the sporting programme.

An athlete assistant or carer may be a family member, a paid respite care or support worker or a community volunteer. Team Managers will assist where possible to come up with the best options for each of their athletes and supporters.

Athletes and teams will organise and pay for their own assistants/carers.

How are the sports events run?

When participants register they elect which sports they want to take part in. Where required, each sport is adapted for para-athletes.

Most sports include introductory opportunities as well as more advanced levels of competition.

The sporting events and fixtures that make up the Games are run as standard tournament-style competitions. However most sports will include an opportunity for anyone new to the sport to have a go with support and coaching.

The sports are run by or in conjunction with representatives from National Sporting Organisations (NSOs). Generally, staff and volunteers from NSOs have received specialist training in supporting disabled sports people.



In addition, the Games are supported by volunteers from across the community including regional sports organisations, sports clubs, service clubs, schools and the general public.

What are the criteria for participating?

There are two eligibility criteria for the Games:

Must be aged between 8-21 years at the time of the Games

Primary impairment must be a physical or visual impairment

What is the classification system for athletes?

As with other disability sporting competitions, a classification system will be used to ensure the competition is as fair and equitable as possible without requiring a full provisional or national classification for each sport.

The main idea behind classification is that it will minimise the impact of impairments on sports performance and to ensure the success of an athlete is determined by skill, fitness, power, endurance, tactical ability and mental focus.

All athletes will be classed within the following 6 categories:

Manual Wheelchair user

Powerchair user

Ambulant

Loss of limb upper body

Loss of limb lower body

Visual impairment

If you are unsure we can arrange a visit by one of Halberg's Advisers to meet with any families.

If athletes already hold a provisional or national classification for a particular sport they are encouraged to compete using that class.



If you have an Intellectual Impairment...

Special Olympics New Zealand has the expertise and sports opportunities to provide for young people with an intellectual impairment. Furthermore, they are able to support athletes along the Special Olympics pathway. Here's a link to their web site - www.specialolympics.org.nz

How much does it cost to participate?

The Games are funded by registration fees paid by athletes and assistants, plus sponsorship, donations and grants. The Games are open to all levels of competitor and we have provided a range of entry options to suit as many people as possible. We encourage friends and family to be involved in supporting the Games but first priority for accommodation will be given to athletes and carers (1 carer per athlete).

Competitors full entry - \$275

Team Managers, Assistants or Supporters full entry - \$225 Competitor staying off site with meals - \$215

Travelling Supporters off site with meals - \$165 Competitor staying off site no meals - \$100

Extra team shirts can be purchased for family, friends and supporters travelling with the team. Orders will need to be into the Event Manager before the 24th of August by messaging John on johns@halberg.co.nz.

If you wish to stay onsite with a campervan this will cost \$120 on top of whichever registration option you choose. The games are a residential event, where hostel style accommodation, meals and local transportation is provided to athletes and athlete assistants/team supporters.



What do I get for my registration fees?

	Competitor or full entry \$275	*Team manager/assistant/supporter full entry \$225	Competitor staying off site with meals \$215	**Travelling supporters staying off site with meals \$165	Competitor staying off site, no meals \$100
Two nights of hostel accommodation (Friday & Saturday)	X	X			
***All meals	X	X	X	X	
Opening & closing ceremony	X	X	X	X	X
Entry to all of the sporting events in the programme	X		X		X
Entry to all Games sports venues	X	X	X	X	X
Transfers to and from Auckland airport if required	X	X	X	X	
Complimentary home region coloured t-shirt	X	X	X	X	X

*A team manager, athlete assistant or supporter is someone who will travel and stay with the individual or team during the whole weekend - they may be a volunteer or paid support worker. Typically there will be one manager, assistant or supporter for every 2-4 athletes depending on needs.

** The travelling supporter registration is designed for parents, family or supporters of athletes who are supporters of the team but are not directly involved with the team and will NOT stay overnight in the hostel accommodation with the team

*** All meals include - lunch Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Evening meal Friday & Saturday. Breakfast Saturday & Sunday (any special dietary requirements are catered for).



Will there be medical support at the Games?

For all of the sporting events, a first aid responder or paramedic will be on-hand if required.

All athletes will need to bring their own medication and medical equipment, and someone who can assist them with any personal procedures.

In the registration form, we'll ask you to let us know about any particular medical or personal conditions we should know about. This is so we can adequately plan to help you if something happens and you need medical support.

What do I need to bring to the Games?

- Personal clothing & team uniform
- Toiletries
- Medication
- Medical and mobility equipment where required
- Specialist sports equipment where required
- Water bottle and other personal effects

If you're playing Wheelchair Basketball, your team will be responsible for bringing it's own wheelchairs.

What are the opening and closing ceremonies?

The Games opening ceremony will be held at the Great Hall onsite at Kings College. All participants, family and friends are invited to join us at the opening and closing ceremonies.

This ceremony will include a march of all athletes dressed in team uniforms as well as any team banners/mascots. The opening ceremony will have a guest speaker (to be advised) and entertainment.

The closing ceremony will be staged in the Great Hall on the Kings College Campus. All athletes will be eligible for medals, trophies as well as certificates of participation.



Funding opportunities:

Besides team fundraising, individual athletes or families might consider the following:

In most regions, there are trusts, charitable groups or service clubs that contribute towards registration fees or travel costs for athletes attending the Games. We do not have an extensive list of these, but try approaching Masonic Trusts, Community Trusts, electricity companies or service clubs such as Rotary, Lions, Altrusa, Zonta, and Round Table. This website might also be useful: www.community.net.nz

Consider asking local businesses for support

If you do get some funds donated or find sponsorship, ensure you thank the donors in writing and offer to give them an update on how you did at the Games

If your group is not a formalised incorporated society or club, you may be able to apply for funds under the Independence Games Trust. Contact us or your Team Manager so we can help you with this option

Can I use Respite Care to pay for the Registration Fees?

In previous Games, some athletes have used Carer Support to pay for athlete registration fees for the Games.

Carer Support is a service funded by the Ministry of Health, designed to provide reimbursement of some of the costs of using a support person to care and support a disabled person.

If you plan to use a Carer Support Subsidy to pay for athlete registration fees:

- You must first pay your registrations fees in full.
- You must submit with your registration fees a valid carer support form.
- Once the Games are completed we will sign and return your carer support form with confirmation of the amount paid
- You can then apply to the Ministry of Health for reimbursement of the Halberg Games registration fees
- Halberg Games cannot take responsibility for non-payment or delays in payment by the Ministry of Health



We plan to bring a Motor Home to the Games, can we park it on-site at the School?

Kings College will allow Motor Homes and camper vans to stay onsite this year. This will cost \$120 for the weekend to do so, please talk to John at johns@halberg.co.nz if you wish to choose this option.

We want to come to the Games but we have alternative accommodation arranged?

The Games is designed to provide a rich experience for athletes - this includes staying in the on-site accommodation and including all meals. If however you plan on staying offsite we have different registration options for you this year. If you are unsure of what would suit you and your family please contact us to discuss further.

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