



Important information for the 2021 Halberg Games

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 camaraderie 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.

Where is the Halberg Games?

The 2021 event will be held at King's College, Auckland, with all sports, events, ceremonies, accommodation, and catering provided onsite.

When is the 2021 Halberg Games?

The 2021 Halberg Games will be held on Friday 23, Saturday 24, and Sunday 25 of April. The current schedule of activities is:

Friday 23 April:

10:00am - 12:00pm - Registrations
 12:30pm - Opening Ceremony
 2:00pm - Sports begin
 Evening - Activities

Saturday 24 April:

8:00am - 6:00pm - Sports
 Evening - Activities

Sunday 25 April:

9:00am - 12:00pm - Sports
 1:00pm - Closing Ceremony
 2.30pm - Depart venue

NB: Activities are subject to change, please check back on this website for updates.

Who can take part?

The Halberg Games is open to athletes aged between 8 and 21 years with a physical or visual impairment. The event aims 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 athlete or if they have a local Parafed attending, athletes can also join their regional Parafed team.



What are the criteria for participating at the Halberg Games?

To be eligible athletes must:

1. Be aged between 8-21 years at the time of the Games (for 2021 if you were aged 21 or under at the 30th of October 2020 then you are still eligible)
2. Primary impairment must be a physical or visual impairment

How do we register?

To register go to www.halberggames.co.nz or contact your local Halberg Adviser (please see page 4 for their contact details) and they will support you through the process.

How much does it cost to participate?

The Games is funded by registration fees paid by athletes and supporters, plus sponsorship, donations and grants. As the Games is open to all levels of competitors, we have provided a range of entry options to suit as many people as possible. The registration costs for the 2021 Halberg Games are:

Halberg Games 2021 Registration Packages	Athletes			Supporters <small>e.g. family member, carer, team manager/assistant</small>		
	Full Package	Meals* Package	Entry Only	Full Package	Meals* Package	Entry Only
	\$290	\$225	\$100	\$240	\$175	\$35
Two nights of hostel accommodation (Friday & Saturday nights)	●			●		
All Meals**	●	●		●	●	
Opening and Closing Ceremonies	●	●	●	●	●	●
Entry to all sporting events in the programme	●	●	●			
Entry into all Halberg Games event venues	●	●	●	●	●	●
Transfers to and from Auckland Airport if required	●			●		
Complimentary home region coloured t-shirt	●	●	●	●	●	●***

* The Meals Package 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 meals Friday & Saturday, breakfasts Saturday & Sunday (any special dietary requirements are catered for).

*** T-shirt included for early bird registration only. Any registrations for supporter entry only after 1 March 2021 will not receive a t-shirt due to printing deadlines.

All registration costs are inclusive of GST.



What do registration fees cover?

Halberg's aim is to keep the registration fee as low as possible for everyone attending and we source sponsorship to offset some of the costs of the event including the facilities, medical support, athlete/supporter shirts, ceremonies and evening activities.

Included in the Games Full Package registration fee is three days of activities with accommodation, venue accessibility requirements including bathroom facilities, meals, master classes, ceremonies, security, access to medical services, airport transfers and shuttle buses, along with the approximately 20 different sporting opportunities and the associated facilities required for these.

I don't want a regional team shirt, can I pay a reduced registration fee?

The regional team shirts are not included in the overall costs of registration for athletes/supporters. Halberg covers these costs through a sponsor. This is similar to the athlete/supporter packs everyone receives. For this reason, there is no reduction in the registration fees if a shirt is not provided.

Can I get an extra team shirt?

Extra team shirts can be purchased for family, friends and supporters travelling with the team at a cost of \$35. Orders will need to be sent to the Event Manager before the 1 March, 2021 by emailing events@halberg.co.nz.

We plan to bring a Motorhome to the Games, can we park it onsite at the school?

King's College will allow Motorhomes and camper vans to stay onsite this year. This will cost \$75 for the weekend and will be additional to the registration option you choose. Please contact events@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 onsite accommodation and including all meals. If you do plan to stay offsite, we have different registration options for you. If you are unsure of what would suit you and your family, please contact us to discuss further.

What sports are at the Halberg Games for 2021?

The following sports have been confirmed for the 2021 Halberg Games. Adaptive Cross Fit Challenge, Athletics, Swimming, Golf, Gymnastics, Boccia, Badminton, Archery, Rowing, Table Tennis, Adaptive Football, Wheelchair Rugby, Powerchair Football, Adaptive Rugby, Wheelchair Turbo Touch, Taekwondo, Adaptive Cricket, Wheelchair Basketball, Netball

A full schedule of the sports will be available on this website closer to the event. For more news and updates, visit our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Halberggames

Who do I contact about the Halberg Games?

You can contact the Halberg Games team on events@halberg.co.nz or call 0800 HALBERG.



Halberg Adviser contacts

You can also contact your regional Halberg Adviser.

ADVISER	REGION	EMAIL
Rhys Edwards	Northland & North Harbour	rhys@halberg.co.nz
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I'm looking for funding to support my Halberg Games costs

We understand athletes will need assistance to cover the cost of getting to and attending the Halberg Games. Besides team fundraising, individual athletes or families might consider the following:

➤ Approaching local funders:

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, [Variety](#), electricity companies, or service clubs such as Rotary, [Lions](#), Altrusa and [Zonta](#). This website might also be useful: www.community.net.nz

➤ Consider asking local businesses for support:

Approach local businesses and let them know about your plans for competing at the Games; they may be able to sponsor or do fundraising activities for you. 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.

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 gives athletes a full programme of sport, 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 carer 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 sport events run?

When participants register, they elect which sport/s they want to take part in. Where required, each sport is adapted for athletes with different impairments. 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 sportspeople.

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

What are the different Halberg Games Categories for athletes?

As with other disability sporting competitions, a categorisation system will be used to ensure the competition is as fair and equitable as possible.

All athletes will be registered in one of the following six categories:

- Manual wheelchair user
- Powerchair user
- Ambulant – has a physical impairment who can walk with or without the use of aids
- 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.

Swimming and Athletics Competitive Section

For swimming and athletics there is the opportunity to compete in a formal Para sport classified section where you will be required to have Para swimming and/or Para athletics sports class, at minimum a provisional/temporary sports class. If you do NOT hold a provisional or national sports class, you will need to apply to Paralympics New Zealand for one at classification@paralympics.org.nz. To be allocated a provisional sports class, you will be sent a form that needs to be signed by your doctor and have it returned to classification@paralympics.org.nz no later than 12 March 2021 after which time you will be allocated a provisional Para sport class. Please discuss this with your local Halberg Adviser/Parafed or contact John Sigurdsson on johns@halberg.co.nz if you require further information.

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 sport 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 website - www.specialolympics.org.nz

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, sport gear and team uniform
- Specialist sport equipment where required
- Toiletries
- Medication
- Medical and mobility equipment where required
- Water bottle and other personal effects

If you're playing Wheelchair Basketball, we would like you to bring your own wheelchair. We realise however that this is not always possible when travelling, so we will try to source some spares from Parafed Northland and Parafed Auckland. Please check with us first.

What are the opening and closing ceremonies?

The Games opening ceremony will be held at the Great Hall onsite at King's College.

This ceremony will include a march of all athletes dressed in team uniforms as well as any team banners/mascots. The opening ceremony will also 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, and certificates of participation.

All participants, family and friends are invited to join us at the opening and closing ceremonies.



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 for and support a person with a disability.

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

- You must first pay your registration fees in full
- You must submit with your registration fees with 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

COVID-19

The Halberg Foundation and the venue will be following the covid-19 guidelines as outlined by the New Zealand Government at the time of the event. This includes contact tracing and hygiene protocols. By purchasing a registration you agree to follow the protocols put in place at the event in accordance with the New Zealand Government Guidelines, and any further protocols and/or policies put in place by the Halberg Foundation and/or venue. In the event of a Covid-19 government directed restriction that prevents the Halberg Games from taking place, Halberg will either refund 75% on request or hold the registration over to the next Halberg Games event.

Terms & Conditions

By registering for the Halberg Games 2021 you are agreeing to the full Term & Conditions. Please click [here](#) to read.