

Who to contact?

Special Olympics New Zealand

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Special Olympics

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“Let me Win.

But if I cannot win,

Let me be Brave in the Attempt”.

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Special Olympics
New Zealand



Fun
Fair play **Pride**
Confidence Health
Friendship
Achievement

What is Special Olympics

Special Olympics is a world wide organisation that provides sports training and competition for people with an intellectual disability.

There are over 40 Clubs around New Zealand, **training** over 5000 **athletes** of all abilities and assisted by 2300 **Volunteers**.

With 16 official **sports** on offer, athletes can train **regularly** in their chosen sport and progress to compete at local, regional, national and even international **competitions**.

Benefits of Special Olympics

Getting **fit** and **healthy**

Learning **fair play** and **good sportsmanship**

Learning **respect** for others

Improving **confidence** and self esteem

Learning to **problem solve**

Sharing in achievements

Learning **to cooperate** with others

Being part of a **team**

But most of all, it's about **fun & friendship!**

What Sports are on Offer?



Who Can Join?

Anybody with a recognised intellectual disability can start training and become a member of a Special Olympics Club.



Special Olympics Clubs

Special Olympics Clubs offer year round sports training and competition. Training is organised weekly, fortnightly or seasonally depending upon the sport's requirements. Clubs operate for 40-42 weeks of the year and are managed by volunteer committees.

Special Olympics is a rapidly growing organisation, so if there is not a local Club in your area, please contact us to talk about future possibilities.

Parent Testimonial

"I took our son down to Athletics last week and it was amazing. I have never seen him so happy and it's the first time I have ever seen him fit in anywhere. He was so proud of himself when he came second in a running race... it was the first time he didn't come last in his whole life. Athletics is all he can talk about now which is a nice change. Thank you so much for letting him join".

So what are you waiting for?

Contact the Special Olympics Regional Coordinator in your area today and start enjoying the rewards of friendship and achievement through new found abilities.

Volunteer opportunities are also available within Special Olympics. Whether you would like to be involved as a regular or casual volunteer - we can find a role that suits!