

Halberg Games Regional Events October 2022

Important information

What are the Halberg Games Regional Events?

The Halberg Foundation is pleased to announce a series of three regional two-day sports festivals in Christchurch, Auckland and Palmerston North this October for young people aged 8-21 years with a physical or visual impairment.

This is the first time the Halberg Foundation - Sir Murray Halberg's charity which supports physically disabled young New Zealanders to be active in sport and recreation - will host the regional events. The two-day festivals are an offshoot of the national Halberg Games which has been cancelled this year due to the impact of COVID-19 and will return in 2023.

Athletes will represent their region at their local two-day event with a variety of sports on offer from giving it a go to competitive including swimming, athletics, golf, athletics, football, table tennis and archery with more to be confirmed. On-site accommodation, opening and closing events, regional camaraderie and festival activities will go side-by-side with the sporting action, making it a fun weekend for the whole whānau.

When and where are the Halberg Games Regional Events?

Three events will run over three consecutive weekends in October. The three events and dates for each are below.

Halberg Games South

Date: 1-2 October 2022

Location: Rangi Ruru Girls' College, Christchurch

Athletes representing; Tasman, Canterbury, South Canterbury, Otago, Southland, West Coast

Halberg Games North

Date: 8-9 October 2022

Location: King's College, Auckland

Athletes representing; Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Gisborne

Halberg Games Central

Date: 14-15 October 2022

Location; Palmerston North Boys' High School, Palmerston North

Athletes representing; Taranaki, Manawatū, Hawke's Bay, Wellington

How do I know what event to attend?

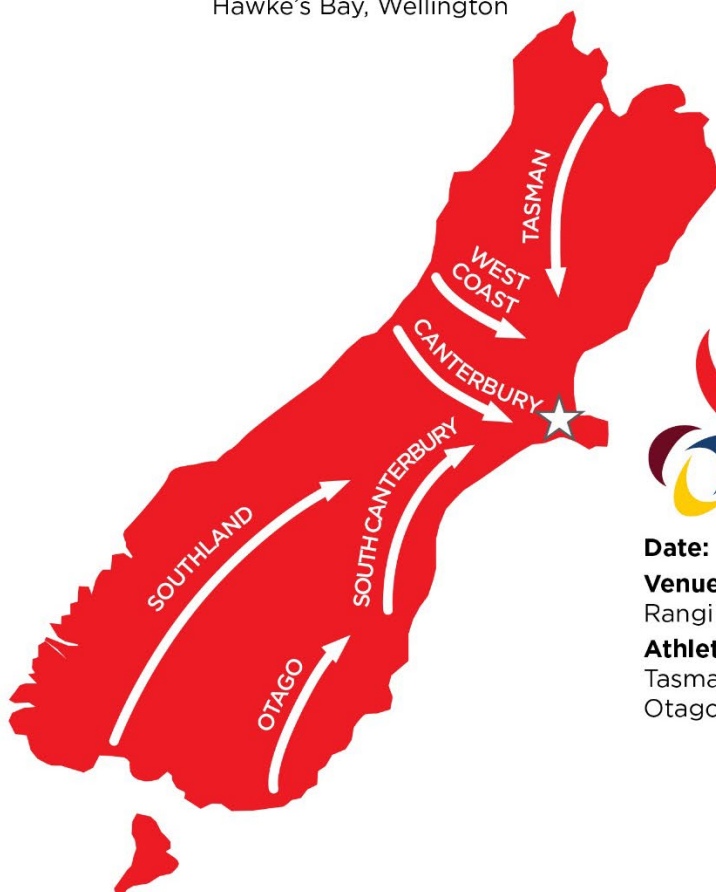
Halberg Games Regional Map



Date: 8-9 October 2022
Venue: King's College, Auckland
Athletes representing:
Northland, Auckland, Waikato,
Bay of Plenty, Gisborne



Date: 14-15 October 2022
Venue:
Palmerston North Boys' High School
Athletes representing:
Taranaki, Manawatū,
Hawke's Bay, Wellington



Date: 1-2 October 2022
Venue:
Rangi Ruru Girls' School, Christchurch
Athletes representing:
Tasman, Canterbury, South Canterbury,
Otago, Southland, West Coast

What is the schedule for the Halberg Games Regional Events?

Draft format for each event is below, please note these may change depending on sports and timetabling and will be finalised when online registrations open in June.

Day One

- 10.00 am Opening/Welcome
- 11.00 am First sport slot
- 12 noon Lunch
- 12.30 pm Second sport slot
- 1.30 pm Swimming and alternative games
- 5.30 pm Dinner
- 7.00pm Quiz night / Movie Festival

Day Two

- 7.00 am Breakfast
- 8.30 am Third sport slot
- 9.30 am Fourth sport slot
- 11.00 am Athletics
- 3.00 pm Closing/Prizegiving
- 3.30 pm Depart venue/Home Time

Who can take part?

The Halberg Games regional events are open to athletes aged between 8 and 21 years with a physical or a visual impairment. The event provides 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 local regional Parafed team.

What are the criteria for participating at the Halberg Games regional events?

There are two eligibility criteria for the regional events:

1. Must be aged between 8-21 years as at the 22nd of April 2022
2. Primary impairment must be a physical or visual impairment

How do we register?

Registrations will open in June, 2022 at www.halberggames.co.nz. If you are interested in attending please contact your local Halberg Adviser who will assist you. [Click here](#) for Halberg Adviser contacts.

How much does it cost to participate?

The Games are funded by registration fees paid by athletes and supporters, plus sponsorship, donations and grants. As 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. The registration costs for the Halberg Games regional events are.

Athletes:

- Full package: \$130 per athlete. This covers;
One night accommodation and four meals on-site
Participating in two days of sports, attending Opening and Closing events and other festival activities
A complimentary Halberg Games regional team shirt and athlete pack.
- Entry only: \$50 per athlete. This covers;
Participating in two days of sports, attending Opening and Closing events and other festival activities
A complimentary Halberg Games regional team shirt and athlete pack.
(Entry only excludes accommodation and meals).

Supporters:

- Full package: \$130 per supporter. This covers;
One night accommodation and four meals on-site

NB We encourage friends and family to attend as athlete Supporters, however first priority for accommodation will be given to athletes and carers (one carer per athlete).

All registration costs are inclusive of GST and to receive a Halberg regional team shirt you must register by 15 July, 2022.

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 shirts, athlete packs and opening/closing events.

Included in the registration fee is two days sporting opportunities and the associated facilities required for these along with all other activities, ie; accommodation, venue accessibility requirements including bathroom facilities, meals, opening/closing prizegiving, security, access to medical services.

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. Halberg covers these costs through sponsorship, along with the athlete 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 \$30. Orders will need to be into the Event Manager John Sigurdsson before **15 July 2022** by contacting events@halberg.co.nz.

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

Most venues will allow Motor Homes and camper vans to stay onsite. Please contact events@halberg.co.nz if you wish to choose this option and we will confirm with the venue.

We want to come to a regional event, but we have alternative accommodation arranged?

The regional events are designed to provide a rich experience for athletes - this includes staying in the on-site accommodation and including all meals. However you plan on staying offsite we have different registration options for you (Event only). If you are unsure of what would suit you and your family, please contact your regional Adviser to discuss further.

What sports are at the Halberg Games regional events?

Each regional event will have slight differences in sporting opportunities but could include Swimming, Athletics, Archery, Table Tennis, Golf and Football. A full schedule of the sports at each region will be available at www.halberggames.co.nz closer to the event.

Who do I contact about the Halberg Games regional events?

You can contact the Halberg Games team on events@halberg.co.nz or call 0800 HALBERG. You can also contact your regional Halberg Adviser on:

Halberg Adviser	Region	Email
Rhys Edwards	Northland & North Harbour	rhys@halberg.co.nz
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John Sigurdsson	Taranaki, Manawatu & Whanganui	johns@halberg.co.nz
Celia O'Driscoll	Wellington & Hawke's Bay	celia@halberg.co.nz
Mitchell Rhodes	Canterbury, Tasman & West Coast	mitchell@halberg.co.nz
Cherie Oldham	Otago & Southland	cherie@halberg.co.nz

I'm looking for funding to support my Halberg Games regional events costs?

We understand athletes will need assistance to cover the cost of getting to and attending their regional events. 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 event. While we do not have an exhaustive list of these, you could 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:

Approach local businesses and let them know about your plans for attending a regional event. 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 your experience.

How are athletes supported during the regional events?

Halberg hosts the events which are designed to deliver a very broad tournament-style experience for all participants where they can stay in residence and participate in sports against athletes with similar impairments. This includes 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 events will be set up to accommodate assistants or carers who are directly involved with the athletes. 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 or caregiver, 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/or 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 to ensure all athletes can participate.

The sporting events and fixtures that make up the events 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 participants with a physical or visual impairment.

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 is the classification system for athletes?

A classification system will be used to ensure the competition is as fair and equitable for all athletes 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 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 categories:

- Manual Wheelchair user
- Powerchair user
- Ambulant
- Loss of limb upper body
- Loss of limb lower body
- Visual impairment

If you are unsure, please contact your local Halberg Adviser to discuss.

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

Paralympics NZ provisional classifications:

For swimming and athletics there is the opportunity to compete in a classified section. Please discuss this with your local Halberg Adviser/Parafed or contact John Sigurdsson, Event Manager, on johns@halberg.co.nz. More information around classified will be provided closer to the events.

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

Will there be medical support at the regional events?

For all the sporting events, a first aid responder, nurse 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 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 regional events?

- Personal clothing, sports gear and team shirt
- Specialist sports equipment where required

- Toiletries
- Medication
- Medical and mobility equipment where required
- Water bottle and other personal effects

What are the opening and closing events?

Each regional event will have an opening and closing and these will set the scene for the weekend. More details on each ceremony will be announced closer to the time.