



Special Olympics Australia delivers internationally accredited training and sporting competition opportunities to athletes with an intellectual disability or autism across Australia.

The athlete is a member of Special Olympics Australia, and has been selected to join their state team to participate in the 2022 National Games in Launceston from the 17-21 October. The athletes will be travelling and staying together as a state team for the duration of the Games promoting social and community participation, working with others and independence.

A levy will be charged that covers all of the costs of the Games, as well as training camps and activities in the lead up to the Games. The levy is paid in advance, is all inclusive and subject to GST. The cost of attending the games has been able to be minimised through our strong volunteer base, and the following type of support is provided as part of this to ensure that support for the athletes disability;

Special Olympics is a sporting organisation and not a registered NDIS provider. Special Olympics cannot advise you as to whether you are able to utilise your plan, so it is important to speak to your NDIS supports as to if attendance at games meets the NDIS rules, reasonable and necessary guidelines and meets your goals. It is important to understand how it will work with the in advance levy instalments, as well as any fundraising and reduction in levies that may happen between now and the end of the Games. You will need to reconcile this with your plan supports and the NDIS.

On The Ground at Launceston

- 5 days of support at a 1:4 ratio 24 hours a day, at the accommodation, watching events at sporting venues, during competitions, and social events and community engagement.
- Daily transport to and from the accommodation to competition venues at 10km a day.
- Assistance with personal care where required

Getting to the Games

- Transport from the club meeting point in their local town to the airport (if applicable)
- Support at a ratio of 1:4 for the transport to the airport, during the flight and arrival at Launceston. This support equates to approx 8 hours.

Team Training Camp/Days

- 2 days, 1 night support at a team training camp/team training days with supervision at a at a ratio of 1:4, 24 hours a day. This support will be provided in one of two configurations;
 - » Friday afternoon, overnight Friday to Saturday evening.
 - » Saturday all day, overnight Saturday night to lunchtime Sunday.
- Transport to the team training camp and return and throughout the camp between accommodation and playing fields each day.
- Assistance with personal care where required.

Athlete participation can be considered as part of short term accommodation support, social and community participation, transport, sleep over support and personal care assistance.

Athlete goals that can be met through participation in the National Games include, but are not limited to;

- Access social and community activities that interest you – make new social connections, catch up with friends and make new ones, meet people from other places with similar interests to you.
- Have a break from your parents and carers and spend time with your peers, like others your age do.
- Live a healthy life – be active, get fit, and look after your physical & mental wellbeing.
- Personal development – improve your confidence, increase your motivation and drive to win at all levels of participation and competition..
- Develop independence, social and communication skills – practice your independent living skills by participating in camps, events and training.
- Improve your social and communication skills by working with others in a shared accommodation setting, working as a team, supporting your peers, and getting to know new people.