



2023 WA State Games Information Pack

You're invited!

Special Olympics WA would like to invite all Special Olympics Australia athletes to our 2023 Special Olympics WA State Games this September.

Our State Games is the highest-level of sport competitions in Western Australia where athletes with intellectual disabilities and autism can come together to compete and showcase their incredible abilities and sportsmanship.

This year, our WA State Games will include more sports than ever before! 13 sport competitions on offer, including:

- Athletics
- Basketball
- Bocce
- Bowling (tenpin)
- Cricket
- Dance
- Equestrian
- Football (soccer)
- Golf
- Netball
- Swimming
- Softball
- Tennis

The Games will be held at WA's most recognised, and prestigious sporting venues across Perth: HBF Stadium, The WA Basketball Centre, The WA Golf Club, The WA Athletics Stadium, UWA Sports Park, Perth Horse and Pony Club, and Zone Bowling.

With our state-of-the-art sporting facilities and passionate partners and volunteers, this year's WA State Games will include both on-the-field and off-the-field activities making it a memorable experience for everyone involved, including athletes, coaches, families, and spectators.

We hope you will join us to showcase and celebrate the achievements of our Special Olympics athletes and continue to support community connections that foster inclusion for individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism.



Sport competitions

The 2023 WA State Games sport competition schedule is outlined below.

Day	Sport	Date	Time	Location
Day 1	Tenpin Bowling	Sunday 17 Sept	9am – 3pm	Zone Bowling, Joondalup
Day 2	Athletics	Saturday 23 Sept	1pm – 5pm	WA Athletics Stadium, Floreat
	Bocce	Saturday 23 Sept	1pm – 5pm	WA Athletics Stadium, Floreat
	Cricket	Saturday 23 Sept	1pm – 5pm	UWA Sports Park, Mount Claremont
	Dance	Saturday 23 Sept	1pm – 5pm	HBF Stadium, Mount Claremont
	Football (Soccer)	Saturday 23 Sept	1pm – 5pm	UWA Sports Park, Mount Claremont
Day 3	Equestrian	Sunday 24 Sept	8am – 12pm	Perth Horse & Pony Club, Herdsman
	Swimming	Sunday 24 Sept	8am – 12pm	HBF Stadium, Mount Claremont
	Tennis	Sunday 24 Sept	8am – 12pm	UWA Tennis Centre, Mount Claremont
	Golf	Sunday 24 Sept	1pm – 5pm	The WA Golf Club, Yokine
	Netball	Sunday 24 Sept	1pm – 5pm	WA Basketball Stadium, Floreat
	Softball	Sunday 24 Sept	1pm – 5pm	UWA Sports Park, Mount Claremont
Day 4	Basketball	Monday 25 Sept	8am – 12pm	WA Basketball Stadium, Floreat



Rules

- All sport competitions are run in accordance with the Special Olympics sport rules [found here](#).
- All athletes, with all skill levels (including beginners, intermediate, and advanced players), can compete.
- All community members, including athletes, officials, and spectators, at Special Olympics events must follow our Code of Conduct [found here](#).
- Athlete event and/or team allocations for all sport competitions will be determined by athlete registrations, previous competition results and/or heats/skill assessments at the event, to ensure athlete divisioning is accurate, and fairness is achieved for all athletes involved.

Who can compete?

To compete, athletes need to:

1. Be a registered 2023 Special Olympics Australia athlete member in their chosen sport/s.
2. Attend a qualifying competition (i.e. local or inter-club competition) for each sport in the last 12 months prior to the Games.

If for any reason an athlete does not meet the above attendance criteria and they would like special consideration to attend The Games, please contact wa.stategames@specialolympics.com.au

Registrations

Registrations will **open in August 2023**.

To register, athletes must complete the online registration form via the [Special Olympics WA Program Portal](#).

The registration fee for the State Games is **\$40.00 (+ online booking fee) per athlete**. The registration fee covers participation in up to 4 sport competitions. Athletes must register individually.

As a non-selection year, athletes can compete in up to 4 sport competitions, including 1 sport per day. Athletes must be registered in the sport/s they choose to compete in. To be registered for a sport, athletes must have competed in a qualifying competition (i.e., local or inter-club competition) for each sport in the last 12 months prior to the Games.



Special events:

LETR WA Torch Run

The Law Enforcement Torch Run Western Australia 2023 State Games Torch will take place on Saturday 23 September from 9am – 10am prior to the Opening Ceremony.

Opening Ceremony

Everyone is invited to join the celebration to start our 2023 WA State Games at our Opening Ceremony. It will include the lighting of the cauldron and presentations, followed by some exciting sport activities, guest appearances and photo opportunities for all.

The Opening Ceremony will be held on Saturday 23 September from 10am – 12pm at the WA Athletics Stadium in Mount Claremont.

More information on our special events will be circulated closer to the date.

Accommodation and travel

We are excited to support Special Olympics athletes from regional/remote WA and interstate to compete at our State Games this year. If you require support with your travel and accommodation arrangements, please contact the Special Olympics Western Australia State Games Organising Committee via email at wa.stategames@specialolympics.com.au.

Further information and support

Any questions? Please get in touch with the Special Olympics Western Australia State Games Organising Committee via email at wa.stategames@specialolympics.com.au.