



2023 Special Olympics Victoria State Games

Date: Saturday 1st July & Sunday 2nd July 2023

Location: Casey Fields, Casey Stadium, Casey Arc, OZ Tenpin Narre Warren, Freccia Azzurra Club

What to expect: The Special Olympics Victoria State Games is a celebration of inclusivity, sportsmanship, and the incredible abilities of athletes with intellectual disabilities. This prestigious event brings together athletes from across Victoria as well as interstate talent from Tasmania and South Australia to compete in a wide range of sports and activities, showcasing their talent, determination, and teamwork.

Held in the City of Casey, renowned for its passion for sports and community spirit, this year's State Games promises to be a memorable experience for athletes, coaches, families, and spectators alike. With state-of-the-art sporting facilities and a welcoming atmosphere, the City of Casey is the perfect backdrop for this extraordinary event.

Athletes will have the opportunity to participate in a diverse range of sports, including athletics, basketball, bocce, gymnastics, tenpin bowling, tennis, swimming, soccer and AFL. Whether they are showcasing their speed on the track, demonstrating their skills on the court, or diving into the pool, each athlete's dedication and passion will shine throughout the competition.

The Opening Ceremony: To kick off the State Games an opening ceremony will be held at Casey Stadium on Saturday 1st July. Families are to arrive at 9am for a 9:15am start where we will have Victoria's largest torch run of the year led by Chief Commissioner Victoria Police, Shane Patton. The opening ceremony will include live music and a vibrant atmosphere to get our athletes ready for an action-packed two days of competition.

The Sports Schedule:

Sport	Venue	Day/Time
Athletics	Casey Fields 160 Berwick-Cranbourne Rd, Cranbourne East VIC 3977	Saturday 1 st July – 11am – 5pm Sunday (reserved if needed)
Basketball	Casey Stadium 04 Terry Vickerman Building, 65 Berwick-Cranbourne Road, 65 Berwick-Cranbourne Rd, Cranbourne East VIC 3977	Saturday 1 st July – 11am – 5pm Sunday 2 nd July – 9am – 3pm
Bowling (Tenpin)	OZ Tenpin Narre Warren 14/22 Lauderdale Rd, Narre Warren VIC 3805	Saturday 1 st July – 11am – 4pm Sunday 2 nd July – 9am – 3pm
Bocce	Freccia Azzurra Club – Keysborough 784-796 Springvale Rd, Braeside VIC 3195	Saturday 1 st July – 11am – 4pm Sunday 2 nd July – 9am – 3pm
Gymnastics	Casey Stadium	Sunday 2 nd July – 8am – 12pm
Football (Soccer)	Casey Fields	Saturday 1 st July – 1pm – 5pm Sunday (reserved if needed)

Tennis	Casey Fields	Saturday 1 st July – 10:30am – 4pm Sunday 2 nd July – 10:30am – 2pm (TBC only if needed)
Netball	Casey Stadium	Saturday 1 st July – 11am – 4pm
AFL	Casey Fields	Saturday 1 st July – 11am – 4pm
Swimming	Casey ARC 10 Patrick NE Dr, Narre Warren VIC 3805	Saturday 1 st July – 12:45pm – 6pm

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