



2024 VIC State Games Information Pack

You're invited!

Special Olympics Victoria would like to invite all Special Olympics Australia athletes to our 2024 Victorian State Games.

Our State Games is the highest-level of sport competition in Victoria, held across two massive weekends! This event will feature athletes with intellectual disabilities and autism by providing an event for our community to come together and showcase their incredible athleticism and sportsmanship.

In 2024, our VIC State Games will showcase 13 sports and be held across two weekends on **6-7 July** and **21-22 September**. Sport competitions on offer include:

Winter State Games (July)	Summer State Games (September)
Basketball	Athletics
Bocce	Bowling (Tenpin)
Gymnastics (Artistic)	Football
Gymnastics (Rhythmic)	Golf
Netball	Sailing (*TBC)
Table Tennis	Swimming
	Tennis

Our State Games will be held in the City of Casey across several state-of-the-art multisport facilities. Including Casey Stadium, Casey Fields, Casey Arc, Ranfurly Golf Club and OZ Tenpin Narre Warren.



Sport Competitions & Dates

Please see the schedule for our 2024 Winter & Summer Victorian State Games.

Winter State Games (6-7 July)

Date	Sport	Time	Location
Saturday 6 July	Basketball	11am – 5pm	Casey Stadium
Saturday 6 July	Bocce	11am – 5pm	Casey Fields
Saturday 6 July	Gymnastics (Training)	11am – 1pm	Casey Stadium
Saturday 6 July	Netball	11am – 4pm	Casey Stadium
Sunday 7 July	Table Tennis	11am – 4pm	Casey Stadium
Sunday 7 July	Basketball	9am – 3pm	Casey Stadium
Sunday 7 July	Bocce	9am – 3pm	Casey Fields
Saturday 7 July	Gymnastics	8:30am – 12pm	Casey Stadium
Sunday 7 July	Netball	9am – 12pm	Casey Stadium

Summer State Games (21-22 September)

Date	Sport	Time	Location
Friday 20 September	Golf	12:30pm – 5pm	Ranfurlie Golf Club
Saturday 21 September	Athletics	11am – 5pm	Casey Fields Athletics Track
Saturday 21 September	Bowling (Tenpin)	11am – 5pm	OZ Tenpin Narre Warren
Saturday 21 September	Football (Soccer)	11am – 5pm	Casey Fields
Saturday 21 September	Sailing	12pm – 5pm	TBC
Saturday 21 September	Swimming	12pm – 6pm	Casey Arc
Sunday 21 September	Tennis	11am – 5pm	Cranbourne Tennis Club
Sunday 22 September	Bowling (Tenpin)	9am – 3pm	OZ Tenpin Narre Warren
Sunday 22 September	Football (Soccer)	9am – 12pm	Casey Fields
Sunday 22 September	Tennis	10am – 2:30pm	Cranbourne Tennis Club



Rules

- All sport competitions are run in accordance with the Special Olympics sport rules [found here](#).
- All Special Olympics athlete members, 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 divisions are accurate, and fairness is achieved for all athletes involved.

Athlete Eligibility

To compete at the 2024 Victorian State Games, athletes must:

1. Be a registered 2024 Special Olympics Australia member in their chosen sport/s or be from a registered Special Olympics Australia Affiliate Program. **Please note that affiliate members who wish to qualify for the 2026 Special Olympics National Games must be Special Olympics Australia registered before competing.** To register please contact vic.membership@specialolympics.com.au.
2. Abide by the qualification requirements outlined below:



If for any reason an athlete does not meet the above attendance criteria and they would like special consideration to attend our 2024 VIC State Games, please contact



info.vic@specialolympics.com.au

Athlete Registration

To express your interest in competing please contact info.vic@specialolympics.com.au

Special Events

Opening Ceremony (Winter) & Torch Run – July 6, 2024

All competing athletes are invited and expected to attend the 2024 SOV State Games Opening Ceremony (OC) at Casey Stadium. Marshalling will take place from 8:30am with the Opening Ceremony to begin from 9am finishing at 10am in Court 1 of Casey Stadium. Selected athletes from each club will be invited to take part in the LETR Victoria Torch Run. The OC will include a host of SOV VIPs and guests including our very own Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police!

Opening Ceremony (Summer) & Torch Run – September 21, 2024

For our summer sports, all competing athletes are invited and expected to attend the outdoor SOV State Games Opening Ceremony (OC) at the Casey Fields Regional Athletics Centre. Marshalling will take place from 8:30am with the Opening Ceremony to begin from 9am finishing at 10am.

Further information relating to both indoor and outdoor Opening Ceremonies is to be circulated closer to the event.

Accommodation and Travel

Thanks to our partnership with Altura Dandenong and Quest, we are happy to share the following discounts to our Special Olympics families traveling to the City of Casey for our 2024 VIC State Games:

- For 15% off Altura Dandenong use the booking link: [Altura Dandenong](#)
- For 10% off Quest Narre Warren use the discount code: [SOV](#)



Further Information and Support

Any questions or need further support? Please get in contact with the Special Olympics Victoria team via email at info.vic@specialolympics.com.au

For Sport Specific enquiries, please contact the appropriate Sport Coordinator below:

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