



2024 Special Olympics QLD State Games Information Pack

You are invited!

Special Olympics Queensland invites all Special Olympics athletes to join us at 2024 Special Olympics QLD State Games in October 2024.

2024 SOQ State Games is the highest-level of sport competitions in Queensland where athletes with intellectual disabilities and autism come together to compete and showcase their incredible abilities and sportsmanship.

This year, 2024 SOQ State Games will include 10 sport competitions and 1 Come n Try event, sports included:

Athletics - Basketball - Bocce – Ten pin Bowling - Cricket (Come'n 'Try) - Football (Soccer) - Golf - Gymnastics - Swimming – Table Tennis - Tennis

2024 Special Olympics Queensland State Games will offer 2 State Games events. Central Queensland State Games held in Mackay with Southeast Queensland State Games to be held throughout the great south east from the coast to the bay.

With our sporting facilities, passionate partners including Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) Qld and volunteers, this year's Special Olympics Queensland State Games will include both on and off the field activities making a memorable experience for everyone involved, athletes, coaches, families, and spectators.

Join us to showcase the ability and celebrate the achievements of Special Olympics athletes.

Who can compete at Special Olympics Queensland State Games

To compete, athletes need to:

1. Be a registered 2024 Special Olympics Australia athlete member.
2. Attended two qualifying competitions (i.e., a Special Olympics local or inter-club competition) for each sport in the last 12 months prior to the Games.
3. Athletes from outside of Queensland must seek approval of their State Manager.

If for any reason an athlete does not meet the above attendance criteria and they would like special consideration to attend our 2024 QLD State Games, please contact qld.stategames@specialolympics.com.au

SPORT COMPETITION

The 2024 SOQ State Games sport competition schedule is outlined below.

Table “A”

Saturday 5th October CQ Games Table Tennis – Endeavour L & L CQ Games Basketball – PCYC Mackay CQ Games Bocce – PCYC Mackay	Sunday 6th October SEQ Golf – Maroochydore River Links CQ Games Ten Pin Bowling – Leisure Centre
Saturday 12th October SEQ Bocce – Redlands Bocce SEQ Ten Pin Bowling – Caboolture Bowl	Sunday 13th October SEQ Bocce – Redlands Bocce SEQ Ten Pin Bowling – Caboolture Bowl SEQ Swimming – Kawana Aquatics
Saturday 19th October SEQ Football – Sun Coast Rec Centre SEQ Tennis - Elite Tennis Caloundra	Sunday 20th October SEQ Basketball Sun Coast Rec Centre SEQ Cricket with QC – Come n Try @ Rec Centre SEQ Athletics – Uni of SC SEQ Tennis - Elite Tennis Caloundra
SEQ Gymnastics – to be finalised	Sunday 17th November SEQ Table Tennis

SEQ = Southeast Queensland Games

CQ = Central Queensland Games

SPORTS NOT INCLUDED: as per SOA confirmation – Dance, Equestrian, Netball, Sailing, Softball, Powerlifting

Table “B”

SPORT	REGISTRATION COST	NOTES
Athletics	\$40	Track and Field events
Basketball	\$30	Round Robin style
Bocce	\$40	Singles, Doubles & Teams
Bowling (Ten Pin)	\$40	Singles, Doubles & Teams
Cricket	FREE	SOQ & Qld Cricket event
Football (Soccer)	\$20	5 & 7 a side round robin
Golf	\$44/\$30	Level 2, 4 & 5
Gymnastics	\$40	MAG & WAG
Swimming	\$35	50m pool
Table Tennis	\$25	Singles & Doubles
Tennis	\$35	Singles, Doubles & Skills

Cricket Come n Try.

Special Olympics Queensland is excited to partner with Queensland Cricket to offer Special Olympics Queensland athletes the opportunity to Come n Try Cricket.

Rules

- All sport competitions are run in accordance with the Special Olympics sport rules. These rules are governed by Special Olympics International (SOI) and sit on the SOI page [found here](#). Please only use this site to reference sports rules.
- 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 divisioning is accurate, and fairness is achieved for all athletes involved.

SOQ State Games Registration

To register, athletes must complete the online registration form via the Special Olympics QLD Program Portal which will open late June.

The registration fee for the 2024 QLD State Games varies based on the chosen sport/s that the athlete chooses to compete in refer to table (B) (+ online booking fee).

Athletes must register individually.

Special Olympics Queensland State Games 2024 is a selection* event for Special Olympics National Games (venue to be announced). Athletes may compete in up to 4 (four) sport competitions at Special Olympics Queensland State Games in table (A). Athletes may not compete in the same sport held in CQ Games and SEQ Games e.g., competing in ten pin bowling in Mackay and Sunshine Coast is not permitted. ***Subject to SOA confirmation**

When registering, athletes must select only 2 (two) sports to be eligible for selection in Team Queensland for Special Olympics National Games 2026. Selection of 2 (two) sports is mandatory when registering for Special Olympics Queensland State Games 2024.

Athletes must be eligible in the Special Olympics Queensland State Games 2024 sport/s in which they choose to compete. To meet eligibility requirements, athletes must have competed in two qualifying competitions (i.e., a Special Olympics local or inter-club competition) for each sport in the last 12 months prior to the Games).

As a guide, all events that have the identifier **(Q)** on the Special Olympics Queensland 2024 calendar are qualifying events for participation at the Special Olympics Queensland State Games 2024.

Special Olympics Queensland current sporting calendar can be found halfway down on the SOQ webpage [Special Olympics QLD | Special Olympics Australia](#)

Further information and support

Any questions? Please contact the Special Olympics Queensland State Games Organising Committee via email at qld.stategames@specialolympics.com.au

Accommodation and travel

We are committed to ensuring all Special Olympics Queensland registered athletes from regional/remote Queensland get to compete at Special Olympics Queensland State Games this 2024. If you require assistance with your travel and accommodation arrangements, please contact the Special Olympics Queensland State Games Organising Committee via email at qld.stategames@specialolympics.com.au

Accommodation

Accommodation will be available at the Special Olympics Queensland State Games at Sunshine Coast Rec Centre. Spots are limited and accommodation may be booked through the Special Olympics Queensland portal.



Alternatively, you may book privately at some of the suggested options below:

Alexandra Park- [Accommodation - Alexandra Park Conference Centre \(alexpark.com.au\)](http://alexpark.com.au)

Maroochy Waterfront- <https://maroochywaterfront.com.au/camps-retreats-group-accommodation>

Alex Beach Cabins and tourist park- <https://www.alexbeach.com.au/group-bookings/>