

Case Study

Halberg Disability Sport Day



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Introduction

The Halberg Games is an annual three-day sports day open to 8-21-year olds with a physical or visual impairment. Hosted by the Halberg Foundation, the

Games is a unique event in New Zealand and give athletes an opportunity to enjoy having a go, healthy comradery and making new friends.

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Participants experience an authentic Games village environment with a range of sports on offer and events including opening and closing ceremonies. Golf has an annual spot at this event and it's great to see regular faces come back to play with even more confidence and even bigger smiles each year!

The 2018 Sport Day held recently in Auckland day was full of fun and laughter and some fantastic golf swings!, golf was certainly a highlight of the day. It was so refreshing to see such well-run activities. Every child (and caregiver) was included throughout a rotation of fun activities and games.

The environment was not only inclusive, it was safe, fun, encouraging and the kids genuinely progressed in skill level and confidence throughout the two hours. The children rotated around the stations and then were given free choice of how and what they wanted to play for the last 35 minutes. That freedom of choice empowered the children to develop their confidence and have more practise in the activity they loved, this is what builds their motivation to come back and give golf a go! The coaches made it all look too easy, they were a credit to Golf!! David, Jenna and josh were the highlight of those sessions and provided pure entertainment with their energetic character in all the activities which encouraged the kids to get more deeply involved. This was best practise coaching, parents were even asking how the kids can continue playing!

"Just wanted to thank you all for coming to the Halberg Games on the weekend. The weather was awesome, and our son loved every minute of the golf. He has plans to go to the driving range with daddy later in the week... the start of many trips I think."

Parent

"Just wanted to say a massive thank you for Saturday afternoon. You were amazing! I have had so much positive feedback about the session, how fun and inclusive it was and how awesome the coaches were,. This inclusiveness was evident from the feedback from those who were involved in the SNAG Golf The session was well planned, family orientated, inclusive of many differing impairments and abilities but most importantly it was fun. I am excited with the direction that Golf in New Zealand is going."

James, Halberg Disability Sport Advisor



Conclusion

We believe golf provides lifelong enrichment to all involved with the game and we wish to share this value with as many people as possible. We believe that diversity and inclusion create a richer environment within our sport that by actively fostering diversity and inclusion, we enhance the inherent value of the

game to everyone involved. Golf clubs and golf facilities are responsible for pursuing and ensuring an inclusive environment for both their workforce and participants of the game. For more support please contact your Regional Support Manager.