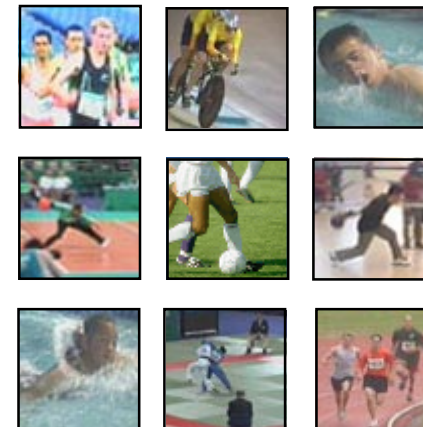


NEW ZEALAND
ASSOCIATION OF
BLIND ATHLETES

WHAT YOU
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YES! I want to support or join blind sport.
Send me an application form -

My first Name: _____

My last Name: _____

My Address: _____

Please phone me at: _____

Mail to:

Blind Sport New Zealand

PO Box 99802, Newmarket

phone (09) 275 1635

email sports@blindsport.org.nz

you have to take the first step -

JOIN NOW !

Check out the
NZABA website
and forms to download
www.blindsport.org.nz

Don't forget to dial in to the **TIS**
(Telephone Information Service)
Blind Sport Sportsline.

Dial your local number then -
option 5 2

This service is updated on a regular
basis and is available 24 hours a day
for you to ask questions, leave
messages, retrieve information etc.



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Paralympic
And
International Blind
Sports Federation
Sports

The Association of Blind Athletes has been formed to provide for individuals throughout the country of all ages to encourage them into sporting activities.

Involvement in regular sporting activities whether for fun, fitness, or competition, contributes to an individual's confidence and self-esteem.

The focus is on major Paralympic and IBSA (International Blind Sports Federation) sports. However, other sports where there is a pathway to international competition or where there is sufficient interest are catered for.

By joining the NZABA you join a family of like-minded individuals who want more out of their sporting activity. By joining you take ownership of your involvement in the sport of your choice.

Or, you can join an existing sporting group.

Check out our website at -

www.blindsport.org.nz.

Major Paralympic sports include athletics, swimming, goalball, judo, tandem cycling and now 5-a-side football.

IBSA sports total 18 in number and the newest is tenpin bowling.

BSNZ member sporting groups leading to World Championships include cricket, golf, lawn bowls and sailing. Other groups are indoor bowls, hockey and fishing.

By joining, the opportunity to excel and travel is there with international events scheduled on a regular basis. In addition junior events take place in Europe, USA, Australia and Canada.

World Championships either standalone or multi-sport have been or are scheduled to be held in countries as diverse as Italy, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Brazil, Finland, Spain, Poland and Canada.

Sports development within New Zealand leading to New Zealand National events is a key part of the blind sport programme.

Sport is created by people, for people. Sport is a human creation practiced for the inherent pleasure it brings and supported for the ways it enriches human lives and communities. Sport commands respect for the rules and for all who play true.

Sport is fun. At the very centre of sport is a commitment to sport as fun. Sport can bring joy and uplift the human spirit.

Sport is for character. Sport builds character by educating and creating the opportunity for young people to develop the values of teamwork, dedication and commitment. Sport requires honesty, it builds courage, and it tests the willingness to try, to fail, and to try again. Playing true builds trust, not only between colleagues and compatriots, but also between opponents, as all *athletes* strive to be their best.

Sport is for health. Sports are physical games. Sport can build healthy bodies. Frequent, high quality physical activity through sport leaves a legacy of health that can last a lifetime.

Sport is for fair play. Sport is fundamentally for *athletes*. *Athletes* need the confidence that they can compete fairly, cleanly and safely to the limits of their abilities in the knowledge that their colleagues and opponents are also playing true.

Sport is for excellence. Sport is one of the areas of human activity that encourages the quest for excellence defined within the scope of the abilities and needs of each individual. Truly great sport enriches and expands our humanity, pushing beyond the limits of the mundane to open new horizons.

Sport is for community. Sport builds communities. In every part of the world young people, their parents and coaches, volunteers and supporters are brought together by sport. Sport builds communities, around the pitch, inside the arena, and in the water. People come together for sport, and part as friends and neighbours.

Sport is for peace. Sport builds the community of nations. Sporting festivals and competitions bring people together in pursuit of common goals.