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“No Exceptions”
A Working Partnership

'No Exceptions'

Vision

- The No Exceptions Strategy has as its vision:
All people participating in the physical recreation and sport activities of their choice.

Goal

- All people have access to arrange of physical recreation and sport opportunities of their own choice in environments that enable full participation. Accessibility includes physical attitudinal resources information and communication

‘No Exceptions’ Continued...

- All people participating in quality physical recreation and sporting experiences of their choice
- The benefits of participation in physical recreation and sport are understood by all
- Disabled people knowing about opportunities and accessing those they choose
- Disabled people participating in physical recreation and sport are recognised as role models for all New Zealanders

Bowls New Zealand's commitment

- Bowls New Zealand absolutely believes that all New Zealanders have the right to access recreation and sports opportunities
- **Bowls New Zealand accepts and champions the fact that disabled people are experts about their own recreational needs, interests and issues**
- The game of Lawn Bowls can be played by anyone regardless of gender and 'abilities'
- The game and the clubs need to and **MUST** be accessible in all respects to all New Zealanders

A key component at Club level

- All Clubs able to engage and develop disabled participants, coaches, officials and administrators
- First step
- Find someone in your club to ‘champion’ the inclusion of disabled bowlers.
- Contact your Community Development Officer.
- Contact Sport Opportunity Advisor at you local Regional Sports Trust
- Complete Disability Action Plan (DAP) with your CDO and Halberg Sport Opportunity Officer.

TAKE ACTION

Some Facts

- 1 in 5 New Zealanders have some form of disability.
- Halberg Trust Board employ Sport Opportunity Advisors based at Regional Sports Trusts who will willingly work with and assist you to make Bowls accessible to the many potential members and participants. They also have some funds that can be used for breaking down some of the barriers to participation.
- Your Community Development Officers are committed to No Exceptions and will assist you and your club.
- It is unfair not to make the game and your club accessible to all New Zealanders, including those with 'disabilities' In fact it may be illegal not to.

Halberg Trust – Sport Access

In recent times, sport clubs and facilities have begun to appreciate the many benefits of attracting people with a disability to their club or facility

Benefits Include:

- Reinvigoration and Increased Membership
- More Coaches and Volunteers
- Access to Increased Funding
- Access to a new level of competitors
- Above all – it is the social responsibility to ensure that all the community can access your club or facility and your services and programmes.

Halberg Trust – Disability Action Plans (DAP's)

Is your Club Accessible? A club is accessible when:

- It is affordable
- Information is readily available and easy to understand.
- It is provided at times and in locations that are convenient to everyone.
- It is easy to use and get in
- There is a welcoming attitude
- Assumptions or prejudgments are not based on stereotyping

Points to Note

- Being a No Exceptions club is not just running some events for 'the disabled'
- IT IS about full integration into ALL aspects of your club for People with a Disability.
 - On the Green (getting picked and playing)
 - Off the Green
 - Being invited to carry out 'administration' activities
 - Being able to access all parts of the club (ramps etc)
 - Fully partaking in all the social activities of the club
- IT IS ABOUT YOU and YOUR CLUB FINDING A WAY to MAKE IT HAPPEN.

In Summary

- You have been told what No Exceptions is to SPARC & Bowls NZ.
- You have seen that 1 in 5 New Zealanders are disabled
- You have been told of the help available to you and your club. Halberg Trust Sport Opportunity Officers based at your local Regional Sports Trust.

Are you inspired to champion and deliver a “No Exceptions” policy at your club?

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