

Policy 2017



Sport and Recreation

Supporting sport

National has significantly advanced the profile of New Zealand sport, both domestically and internationally.

We are supporting grassroots sport to encourage healthy, more active living. As part of this, we have brought sports and health closer together in recognition of their mutual benefits.

We are also supporting our top athletes on the world stage through our high performance sport system, which is consistently delivering world leading results.

National has focused on delivering world-class infrastructure and support to sports identified as prospects for international success. The Rio Olympics and Paralympics showed the approach is working, with significant success at both events.

National recognises the value of bringing major events to New Zealand. They bring visitors, boost our economy and showcase us to the world. With major events like the America's Cup and Rugby League World Cup coming here soon those benefits will continue.

"Physical education keeps our kids active, healthy and happy, and teaches them valuable life skills."

– Sport and Recreation spokesperson
Jonathan Coleman

Policy highlights

- Continuing our investment in grassroots sport, and getting more kids active
- Delivering the Community Sport Strategy to get more people participating
- Implemented the Childhood Obesity Plan to ensure healthier kids
- Supporting the successful hosting of major sports events in New Zealand
- Creating a world-class high performance system to help Kiwi athletes succeed on the world stage

Our results so far

- We're trialling a new way to deliver sport in schools through Play.Sport
- Record 18 medals at the Rio Olympics and top in medals per capita at the Rio Paralympics, with 21
- Hosted Cricket and FIFA Under-20 world cups, World Masters Games and Lions rugby series
- Championed integrity in sports by passing anti-match-fixing laws and representing Oceania at the World Anti-Doping Association

National is...

- Supporting kids to live healthy, active lives through the Childhood Obesity Plan. We are one of the first countries to have such a plan
- Encouraging community sports through our Community Sport Strategy. We have also continued to release Lottery Grant money to support clubs and other sporting organisations
- Supporting our high performance sportspeople to gain education or professional qualifications while continuing in sport through Prime Minister's Scholarships
- Investing in world-class high performance facilities for our athletes
- Taking an active role in championing integrity in sports through strengthening anti match-fixing laws and representing Oceania at the World Anti-Doping Association

Success on the world stage is important. It provides role models to inspire people, it promotes New Zealand internationally, and it brings the country together

What we will do next...

- Further strengthen the relationship between sport, health and education. Use sport as a vehicle to improve social outcomes
- Continue to champion our grassroots community sports sector
- Invest in our high performance sport facilities
- Contribute a further \$120m to help build a Multi-Use Arena in Christchurch
- Strengthen the pathways between community sports and our high performance sport system
- Amend the Racing Act to account for the growth in sports betting and provide a greater return to sports organisations
- Host more successful major events here in New Zealand
- Looking ahead to the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games, and to the Winter Olympics and Paralympics in PyeongChang