

Getting Things Sorted?

As we approach six months out from the Games, it's important to ensure you are looking into your accommodation and vehicle rentals to avoid missing out on the best and hottest options available. To make your accommodation bookings as easy as possible, we have partnered with the Rotorua Visitor Centre and i-SITE who will happily assist you. Contact them here with your attending dates, numbers requested and other requirements. Their friendly team will get in touch and advise you about the different options that are available. They can also answer any questions and give great advice about everything Rotorua has to offer.

If it's a car or van you need, <u>RaD Car Hire</u> are our games partner and have you sorted whether you're landing in Rotorua, or driving in from another airport or city. RaD have excellent rental rates and a great selection of vehicles so make contact with the location that suits you.

When you make your booking, be sure to select APES2023 in the 'How Did You Find Us' box on the booking page. This means that your booking will be recorded against the AP&ES account and RaD will pay a rebate based on the total value of all bookings to assist with the running of the Games. Many thanks to RaD for this great initiative.

Important Dates

- TODAY- Sort Your Leave For March 2023!
- From 8 July 2022 Online merch shop open
- EXTENDED TO....
 5 September 2022
 Change to Early Bird price
- **14 November 2022** Full entry price begins
- **10 February 2023** Registrations <u>CLOSE</u>
- 1 March 2023 Attendance registration opens in Rotorua
- 3 March 2023 Games Opening Ceremony
- 10 March 2023 Games Closing Ceremony

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Check out <u>Plan Your Visit</u> on our website for more details.



RaD Car Hire have some great vehicles and prices prepared for you. Enquire now!

Then there's your Apparel...

On the same preparation topic, also consider getting your individual or team apparel sorted soon. We again have you sorted with our Games apparel supplier Struddys. Our online merchandise and apparel store is now open but also in addition to that, Struddys can provide everything you need for your team or specific code. Our <u>Teamwear</u> page connects you directly to Struddys who will get you sorted.

We would love you all to show where you're from by wearing your 'State' polo, particularly at the Opening Ceremony but also throughout the Games. '*Showing your colours'* brings out the best in everyone, helps to connect people and increase friendly rivalries. The range is in your States colours and designed to connect you all with our host Rotorua.

Getting onto your apparel orders early is essential so our advice... Get this sorted now!

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Beat the price rise NOW!

On 5 September the cost to register and enter your event goes from 20% off full price (SuperEarly) to 10% (Earlybird) giving you another reason to sort your entry now. The Earlybird entry price runs through until 14 November when it goes to full price.

Be sure to enter *EARLYBIRD* during the registration process so you don't miss out!

Considering Softball, Ten-Pin or AFL 9s?

If any of the above are sports you are looking to enter for March, we need to know your interest by way of your entry sooner rather than later. While we want to provide as many codes as possible, we have to look at it practically and if the numbers are below what offers a true competition, we unfortunately may have to consider viability of offering the code.

There is still time however and we plan to delay any decision until as late as possible, but if Sotfball, Ten-Pin Bowling or AFL 9s are your sports, we're really keen to hear if you're planning on attending. Your entry soon will definitely help us confirm your code. AFL 9s may not be common in New Zealand however this is your chance to give the game a go. It will be played on the Rotorua International Stadium which is a first class surface and venue.

Softball is another sport being played at the International Stadium. We really want Softball included but with only two teams entered currently, we need more. Ten-Pin is something we can all try either as a specialist or secondary code.

No matter what your ability, enter soon so we know you're coming and contact our Sports Manager Graham at <u>sports@apes2023.co.nz</u> with any queries.



Keep in touch with the 2023 Games on our website <u>apes2023.co.nz</u> <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>

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