

Disability Sport in Community Clubs

The provision of sport for disabled people was a key focus of the 2023 National Sport Club Survey – an annual snapshot of the management, operation and governance of New Zealand's 7,500 sport clubs.

The survey provides insights into how community sport clubs around the country are providing participation opportunities and being inclusive of disabled people.



29%

of clubs ask members about physical or intellectual impairments.

55%

of clubs have taken steps to include disabled sport participants in their club.



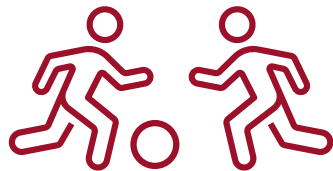
Steps include:

- Specialised and/or modified equipment
- Accessible club facilities
- Tailored events and/or programmes
- Upskilling coaches

68%

of club boards discuss matters related to disability sport 'rarely' or 'not at all'.

78%



of clubs say they provide opportunities for disabled people to engage alongside non-disabled people.

14%

of clubs say it is 'essential' or a 'priority' to enhance opportunities for disabled people in their community.



60%

of clubs say they have barriers that need addressing for disabled people.

Some ways clubs are addressing barriers include:



- Building community
- Providing new and/or adapted equipment
- Providing accessible facilities
- Improving coach capabilities

34%

of clubs are 'fairly' or 'completely' confident that their leaders and deliverers are able to meet the needs of disabled people.