



## Mini Paralympics Tips and Ideas

**Fundraising options:** Ask students to donate a certain amount to participate, with the proceeds going to Paralympics Australia. Use Grassrootz to collect the money.

**Tips for organising:**

- Set a date/s consistent with your school calendar.
- Promote the event through your school newsletter, website and Facebook groups, as well as in notes sent home.
- Devise a funds collection plan.
- Hold an Opening Ceremony to allocate a class or team to a country.
- Assign a volunteer to each sport.
- Create a schedule, draw and scoring matrix for each sport.
- If you are outside, ensure students have access to water and sun protection.
- Try to encourage a team of people within the school to help organise the event. This could include parents, teachers, senior students and community members
- Assign small tasks to all volunteers to prevent any one person from becoming overwhelmed. Use the checklist below to ensure all tasks are accounted for.

### Ideas to engage participants and teachers:

- Visit <https://education.paralympic.org.au/> for free curriculum-linked resources for primary school students
- Encourage students to research the country they are competing for. What is their flag? What are their cultures and values? Who are some famous Paralympians?
- Practice each sport as a class or team before the Games, and discuss how difficult it is to play when you can't see, walk, etc.

### Checklist:

- Determine which sports will be contested and over what period i.e. day, week or term.
- Confirm a fundraising model and timeline for collection.
- Formulate a contingency plan for wet weather.
- Communicate updates to students and parents.
- Encourage teachers to discuss the Games in their classrooms.
- Download and print the medals.