



HANDBALL- A-THON

School Fundraising Guide

Everything your school needs to take part, have fun and fundraise.

You're Amazing!

Thanks for stepping up to support your school and KidsCan by signing up to play KidsCanBall.

You're joining a nationwide team of schools passionate about giving every Kiwi kid the essentials they need to get a fairer start in life.

This guide has everything your school needs to hit your fundraising goals - from fun ways to play, fundraising ideas and organising tips, our aim is to make this easy for you to lead at your school and a great experience for your students.



Why It Matters

Children can't learn if they're cold, wet, or hungry. That's why KidsCan partners with more than 1,100 schools and early childhood centres nationwide, providing healthy food, warm jackets, sturdy shoes and health products to children in poverty.

With you on our team, we're aiming to raise \$1 million to support 10,000 kids with these essentials. Help us level the playing field so every child can focus on learning.

When your school takes part in KidsCanBall, you're not just raising money, you're helping kids feel included, confident, and equipped to reach their full potential – in the classroom and on the court.

Benefits for your school

- Games can be any length, at any time – during breaks, or incorporated into PE lessons.
- It's easy to take part through our fundraising platform.
 - Students sign up, set a goal and challenge themselves to get active.
 - They earn badges as they achieve targets, and there are prizes for the most minutes played, and the most funds raised.
 - Most importantly, students learn how to help others who need support.
 - They'll see the impact – we'll share the difference their donation makes to a child in poverty.

How it works

1. Sign up your school

- Lock in a school champion to lead KidsCanBall at your school.
- Sign your school up at kidscanball.org.nz and set up your school page .
- Recruit student leaders or other staff to help you spread the word and get students involved.
- Add the dates to your school calendar and start playing handball! How you organise your school events, fundraising meet-ups and games is totally up to you!

2. Build your school team

- Encourage your students to sign up, join your school team and set their goals. How many minutes of handball can you play in October, or how much can you fundraise?

HOT TIPS

- Make it visible- download **posters**, talk about KidsCanBall in assemblies, and set challenges and goals between classes, year groups, or even staff.
- Host a sign-up and ideas session at lunchtime - support the students to lead and take charge.
- Use our templates to share what you are doing with your wider school community, and spread the word in your school newsletter and on social media.

3. Play handball, have fun and raise funds

- Start playing handball! Set up time during PE lessons, organise lunchtime matches and create some friendly competition across your school.

HOT TIPS

- Set a goal, share it with your team and come together to make it happen!
- Encourage team members to celebrate their efforts throughout, positive vibes increase motivation and fundraising.
- Share KidsCanBall videos and stories, highlight students' efforts and the impact they are making in assemblies.
- Host school wide events so everyone can be part of the goal.
- Join in the fun alongside your students!

4. Thank your team and celebrate

- Use the last days to do a final push for online donations.
- Download, print, edit and hand out our team **certificate**.
- Thank your students, staff and school community by sharing the fundraising total and impact they all helped make!



Fundraising Tips to Boost Your Impact

- ✓ Start by making the first donation to your school's fundraising page and suggest students could ask their families to do the same. KidsCanBallers who make the first donation are over twice as likely to hit their target.
- ✓ Share your school page on social media and in school newsletters.
- ✓ Plan a school-wide fundraiser to boost the school total - this could be a sausage sizzle, bake sale or non-uniform day.
- ✓ Create a friendly competition between classes and year levels.
- ✓ Use our online **resources** to decorate and promote KidsCanBall throughout the school.
- ✓ Reach out to your community, are there local businesses that could dollar match your school's fundraising efforts?

Your Impact in Action

Here's what your fundraising could provide:

\$25

Provides a pair of sturdy shoes and socks.

\$50

Provides a fleece-lined jacket, shoes and socks.

\$100

Provides food items for breakfast.
(*yoghurt, fruit, bread, baked beans & spreads.)

\$360

Supports a child with food, a jacket, and shoes and socks for a year.



Make it Legendary

Make your school's fundraising event one to remember:

- Get the principal involved – maybe even challenge them to play handball blindfolded!
- Stream your event online or invite whānau to watch a handball game to gather more support.
- Ask local businesses to donate to your school and students.
- Decorate the school with KidsCanball posters to bring some excitement.

How to play

You can use whatever set of handball rules your school wishes to play with – it's up to you to decide. Just get as many students as possible out playing and raising funds.

What you need

- A ball (preferably a rubber ball, about tennis ball size).
- At least two players – it's best with four.
- A hard court: with chalk, mark out a 2x2 grid for a total of four squares.

Playing the game

1. Each player stands in a square. Highest rank is King, then Queen, Jack and Joker.
2. The King starts the game by serving the ball with their hand – it must bounce once in their square before landing in another.
3. After the ball has bounced once in the receiving player's square, they then hit the ball into the square of any other player.

If the ball lands on the line, replay the point.

A player is out if they...

- Fail to hit the ball into another square.
- Allow the ball to bounce more than once in their square.
- Hit the ball out of the large square.
- Hold, catch or carry the ball.
- Hit the ball with something other than their hands.
- Hit the ball when the ball did not bounce in their square.

When a player is out, they move into the lowest ranking square (Joker) and all other players move up to fill in the gaps. Or, if there are more than 4 players, the next player comes in at the Joker square and the losing player sits out until another player loses.



Three Awesome Ways to Get Involved

1.

Ball It Up

Host handball games through the month of October with students, classes, house groups, or even a staff vs student game. Every minute counts.

2.

Dress the Part

Have a sports-themed dress-up day. Encourage donations to join in.

3.

Create a Challenge

Set a class fundraising goal, a school goal and celebrate these with a rewards challenge — it could be a dance-off, a fun afternoon at school, or even a dunk tank for the teacher when goals are reached!



Get in touch!

We would love to hear from you!

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Whether you need fundraising materials, help with your online page, or ideas to energise your students – just reach out.

Email: kidscanball@kidscan.org.nz or sign up and join the team today at: kidscanball.org.nz

Your school is making a real difference. Whether you raise \$50 or \$5,000, every effort helps remove barriers to learning. With a full tummy and warm shoes, kids can focus on what really matters: playing, learning and just being a kid.

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