

SPECIAL OLYMPICS BC - GOLF

Criteria for Sanctioning of Competition

SPORT RULES

Refer to SOC Sport Rules and SOBC Exceptions to the SOC Sport Rules (if applicable). Rules can be found on the Special Olympics BC website www.specialolympics.bc.ca at

Resources → Sport Rules, Resources and Videos → Golf

DIVISIONING

Due to the facility and time restrictions often faced at a Regional Qualifier the following divisioning procedure is to be utilized.

1. Local Coaches identify scores (handicap) generated by their athletes at events no later than one (1) month prior to the regional qualifier.
 - A handicap is developed by averaging a minimum of 6 rounds of golf.
 - Stroke play will be used for SOBC competitions as the scoring method
2. The Competition Coordinator and SOBC Sport Coordinator will division athletes based on the Special Olympics Canada Divisioning Process.

FACILITY

The competition venue should comply with the requirements dictated in the Special Olympics Canada Official Sport Rule Book keeping in mind that availability may require deviations from these recommendations. In situations, which require such a deviation, the Competition Coordinator is required to contact the SOBC Sport Coordinator for facility approval.

In addition to the facility requirements detailed in the SOC Sport Rules the following should be kept in mind when securing an appropriate facility:

- Access to washroom facilities for Male and Female participants
- Fully accessible to all participants, i.e. participants with a physical disability.

SPORT OFFICIALS

Due to the technical nature of the sport of golf, officials should have a strong background in the sport and be familiar with the official rules provided by the Royal Canadian Golf Association. For assistance in recruiting individuals appropriate for these roles please contact the SOBC Provincial Office.

Host communities must identify a Head Official prior to making their application for sanctioning to the Provincial Office of Special Olympics BC.

Sport officials should also have access to golf carts through the event facility in order to ensure they can arrive at a situation in an efficient manner.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

The following are the minimum requirements for medical coverage at sanctioned Special Olympics BC golf competition.

- Two (2) First Aid attendants - (standard certification)

COMPETITION ATTIRE

All athletes and coaches must wear golf shirts (tucked in) and pants or knee length shorts (women may wear golf skirts). Golf shoes should be worn. PLEASE NOTE: Attire rules of a specific course must be adhered to.

NO JEANS may be worn by coaches or athletes.

INDIVIDUAL SKILLS COMPETITION

Offering Individual Skills Competition is optional for Regional Golf Qualifiers. If offered is must clearly state in the registration package that this is not a qualifying event for Provincial Games.

REGISTRATION PACKAGE

A template for a complete Golf Registration Package that you can customize for your tournament can be obtained by contacting competition@specialolympics.bc.ca

GOLF REGIONAL QUALIFIER – REGISTRATION FORM (Sample)

Local: _____

Head Coach: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Assistant Coach: _____

Assistant Coach: _____

Assistant Coach: _____

	ATHLETE NAME	Average/Handicap (min 6 rounds)	GENDER (M/F)	DOB (dd/mm/yy)
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The minimum required coach ratio for Golf is 1 coach for every 4 athletes. Sufficient coaches to meet this ratio must be registered

***Please copy additional sheets as necessary*