

Special Olympics BC Fall 2020 Virtual Competition GOLF SKILLS

We are excited to offer a virtual competition opportunity for **golf programs** that are part of Level 1 within [Special Olympics BC's Return to Sport](#).

Events will be executed within local programs with results submitted to the SOBC Provincial Office. Results will then be divisioned against athletes from across the province.

After the results are compiled, SOBC will host a virtual ceremony that will celebrate everyone's participation. The ceremony will be open to all participants as well as their friends and families!

Request to Confirm Participation

Head Coaches are asked to email Jean Tetarenko at jtetarenko@specialolympics.bc.ca to confirm if their program will participate in the Fall 2020 Virtual Competition.

Virtual Competition Timeline

Results Submission Deadline: **Monday, October 19, 2020**

Virtual Awards Ceremony: Date to be announced

Virtual Competition Events:

Level 1 competition is based on individual and skills-based events. For golf, we will be offering **Golf Skills Competition** as part of the SOBC Fall 2020 Virtual Competition. All levels of golfers are welcome to participate.

The following events are included in the Fall 2020 Virtual Competition:

- Event #1 - Short Putt
- Event #2 - Long Putt
- Event #3 - Chip Shot
- Event #4 - Pitch Shot
- Event #5 - All-Round (total score for all 4 events)

Provincial results will be generated for each event.

Athletes may enter some or all events.

Available facility space and time within individual programs may impact which events can be offered. For example, if a program just have time to run one or two events, this is fine. However, we encourage programs to offer all events if feasible.

Events can be executed at any time prior to the results submission deadline, and can be done over multiple program sessions.

Facility and Equipment

- Facility being used by golf program
- Putting green (as possible)
- Measuring tape
- Method to mark the radius circles (refer to event setup). Confirm allowable options with course. Can use painters tape or flags to generally mark where a circle would be
- Disinfecting wipes and PPE as per Return to Sport Protocols
- Tape or cones to identify waiting areas
- Recording sheets

Submitting Results

Submitted results will be compiled with athletes from other programs across the province, and Head Coaches will be notified of results in advance of the virtual ceremony.

Results must be submitted no later than **Monday, October 19, 2020** and include:

1. Completed “Golf Skills Results Submission” excel sheet; and
2. Group photo of participants in your program (physically distanced of course) for use in the virtual ceremony. You are welcome to submit more than one photo should not all participants be at one practice.

Submission of additional photos optional but welcome.

Please submit results and photo(s) to jtetarenko@specialolympics.bc.ca

Submission of results as soon as your program is completed is appreciated to assist with data entry.

NOTE: In the case of a tie, the higher placing will be given to the athlete with the greatest number of highest points per attempt. For example, if two athletes both scored 15 points for their five attempts for “Short Putt,” and one had two 4-point attempts, and the other golfer had one 4-point attempt, the athlete with the two 4-point attempts would place higher. If both had the same number of 4-point attempts, would then look to who have the greatest number of 3-point attempts.

Officiating Events

Coaches will function as officials and recorders to the best of their ability. We realize coaches are not trained officials, and just ask that you do your best to execute events.

The Program Safety Volunteer can support event execution as well.

No additional people can be added to your program to execute events.

Further information on basic skills, competition and rules can be accessed on the SOBC website under [Golf Coach Resources](#).

Questions and Support

Questions on processes including how to structure your event and/or rules can be directed to:

Jean Tetarenko
SOBC Sport Coordinator
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Event #1 – Short Putt**Event Setup:**

A target hole is selected and two circles are placed around the hole. The first circle shall have a radius of 0.5 metre and the second shall have a radius of 1.5 metres from the hole.

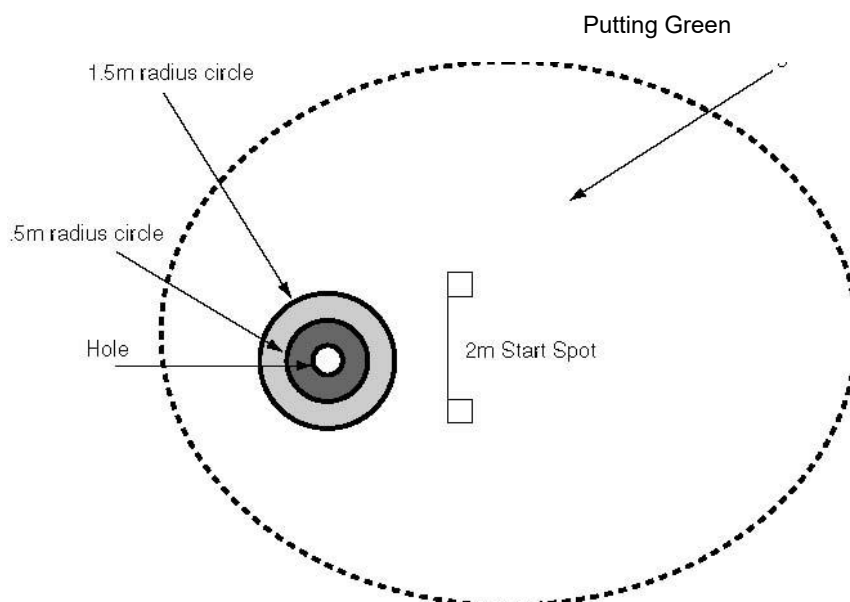
- The athlete will have five attempts from a clearly marked spot, **2 metres** from the hole.
- Each athlete to complete their 5 shots consecutively before the next athlete competes.
- Balls from previous attempts may be safely removed by a coach prior to next attempt to avoid interference.
- Each athlete should be provided with 5 balls so they do not have to retrieve balls during their attempts.

Scoring

A score of 0 to 4 points is assessed for each attempt based on where the ball comes to rest for that attempt.

- Zero points – a swing and a miss count as an attempt but would count as 0 points
- One point – for making a stroke at and striking the ball
- Two points – if the ball stops on or within the 1.5 m circle
- Three points – if the ball stops on or within the .5m circle
- Four points – if the ball goes into the hole

A total score for this event will be calculated based on the total of points for 5 attempts. Maximum score would be 20 points.

Short Putt:

Event #2 – Long Putt**Event Setup:**

A target hole is selected and two circles are placed around the hole. The first circle shall have a radius of 0.5 metre and the second shall have a radius of 1.5 metres from the hole.

(Tip: The setup and scoring are the same as for Event #1 except that that start spot is at 8 metres instead of 2 metres)

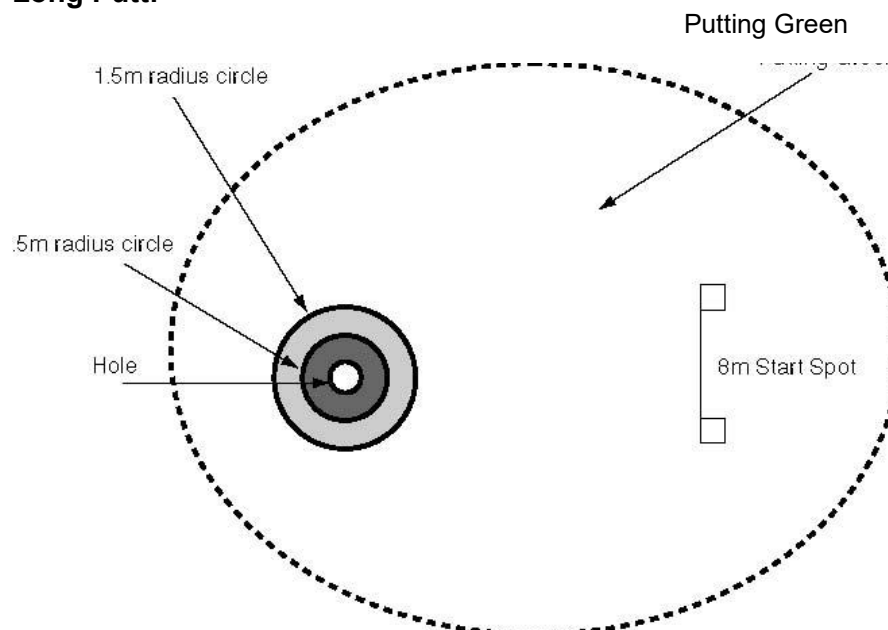
- The athlete will have five attempts from a clearly marked spot, **8 metres** from the hole.
- Each athlete to complete their 5 shots consecutively before the next athlete competes.
- Balls from previous attempts may be safely removed by a coach prior to next attempt to avoid interference.
- Each athlete should be provided with 5 balls so they do not have to retrieve balls during their attempts.

Scoring

A score of 0 to 4 points is assessed for each attempt based on where the ball comes to rest for that attempt.

- Zero points – a swing and a miss count as one attempt but would count as 0 points
- One point – for making a stroke at and striking the ball
- Two points – if the ball stops on or within the 1.5 m circle
- Three points – if the ball stops on or within the .5m circle
- Four points – if the ball goes into the hole

A total score for this event will be calculated based on the total of points for 5 attempts. Maximum score would be 20 points.

Long Putt:

Event #3 – Chip Shot**Event Setup:**

A target hole is selected and two circles are placed around the hole. The first circle shall have a radius of 3 metres and the second shall have a radius of 6 metres from the hole.

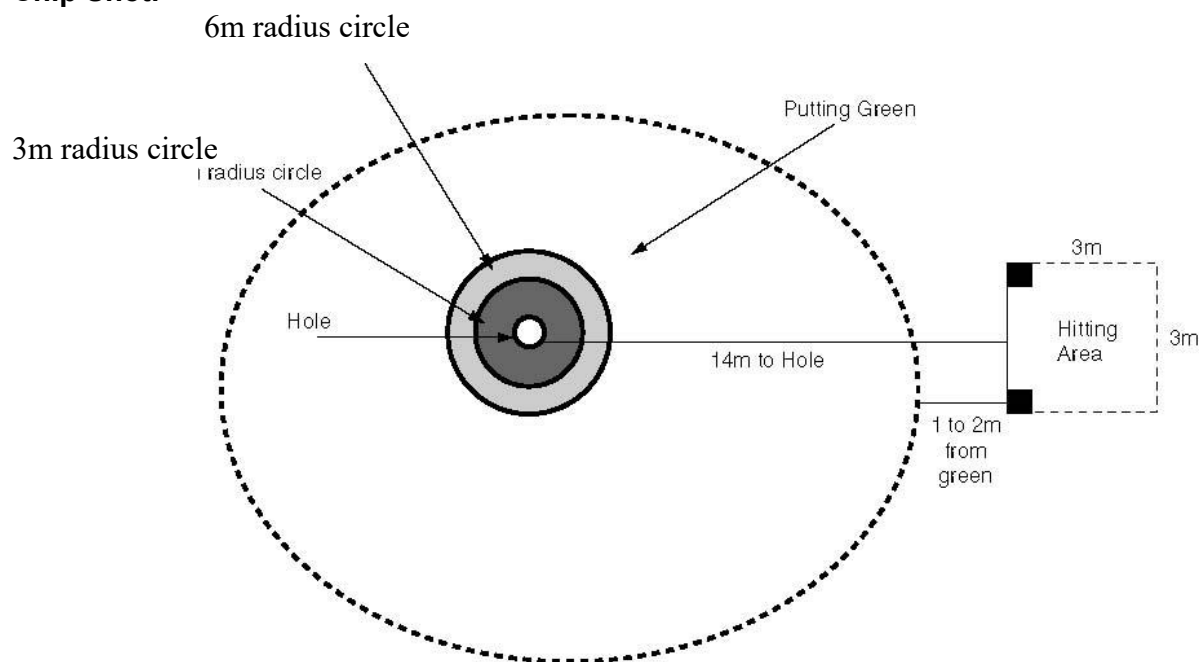
- The athlete will have five attempts from a designated chipping areas 1-2 metres from the green and **14 metres** from the hole.
- Each athlete to complete their 5 shots consecutively before the next athlete competes.
- Balls from previous attempts may be safely removed by a coach prior to next attempt to avoid interference.
- Each athlete should be provided with 5 balls so they do not have to retrieve balls during their attempts.

Scoring

A score of 0 to 4 points is assessed for each attempt based on where the ball comes to rest for that attempt.

- Zero points – a swing and a miss count as one attempt but would count as 0 points
- One point – for making a stroke at and striking the ball
- Two points – if the ball stops on or within the 6-metre circle
- Three points – if the ball stops on or within the 3-metre circle
- Four points – if the ball goes into the hole

A total score for this event will be calculated based on the total of points for 5 attempts. Maximum score would be 20 points.

Chip Shot:

Event #4 – Pitch Shot

Event Setup

Identify a designated hitting target area with a 6-metre radius circle (12m diameter) and a designated hitting area, 10 metres from a target area.

Between the designated hitting area and target area, erect a 1-metre-high barrier (e.g. with a rope or caution tape). The distance from the hitting area to the 1-metre-high barrier should be 5 metres. The distance from the 1-metre-high barrier to the target area should be 5 metres. The ball must be hit over the barrier/rope (if using a rope, one option could be to hang a sheet over it to stop balls from going under).

- The athlete will have 5 attempts to pitch over the 1-metre-high barrier and attempt to have the ball land in a 6-metre-radius target circle from the designated hitting area.
- Each athlete must complete their 5 shots consecutively before the next athlete competes.
- Balls from previous attempts may be safely removed by a coach prior to next attempt to avoid interference.
- Each athlete should be provided with 5 balls so they do not have to retrieve balls during their attempts.

Scoring

A score of 0 to 4 points is assessed for each attempt based on where the ball comes to rest for that attempt.

- Zero points – a swing and a miss count as one attempt but would count as 0 points
- One point – for making a stroke at and striking the ball (if using tape or rope to mark the 1m height, if the ball goes under the rope/tape the attempt would count at 1 point regardless of where the ball comes to rest)
- Two points – ball goes over the barrier and doesn't enter the 12-metre circle
- Three points – the ball lands inside the 12-metre circle and rolls out, or if the ball lands outside the 12-metre circle and comes to rest inside the circle
- Four points – if the ball lands inside the 12-metre circle and comes to rest inside the circle.

A total score for this event will be calculated based on the total of points for 5 attempts.

Maximum score would be 20 points

