

2020 VIRTUAL SUMMER GAMES FAQs



What's the timeline? Practice begins on Sunday, May 3, 2020. Make sure to submit your results by Sunday, May 17. The Virtual Summer Games video will debut on Thursday, May 21.

Who can compete? Anyone - athletes, young athletes, Unified partners, coaches, or fans.

What if we normally don't participate in Summer Sports, can we still participate? YES! This is open to everyone.

Who am I competing against? You're competing against everyone in the state during the practice season. We'll division everyone based on their role as an athlete, young athlete, Unified partner, coach, or fan as well as their age and results.

How do I practice? Our top priority is that everyone is safe and maintains social distancing rules while practicing. Practice at home or in a space that still allows you to follow social distancing rules (you must be six feet away from other individuals).

Do I need equipment to practice? Many events don't require any equipment. Some events require a basketball, basketball hoop, or tennis ball. Please don't go out to the store and purchase equipment. Use what you have and don't be afraid to get creative!

Does my coach need to know I'm competing? No, but it would be great if you let them know—they might like to cheer you on virtually!

Do I need to fill out any paperwork to participate? No paperwork is required to participate.

What scores do I need to submit when I am done practicing? Please keep track of your practice scores and submit your best score. You can participate in all events or just choose your favorites.

Will I be disqualified if I don't run the exact distance in a track event? Will I be disqualified if I use a basketball hoop that is shorter than 10 feet? No, we understand that everyone is doing their best and everyone's at home event set up is different. We are more interested in everyone participating and giving their honest effort and attempt. The priority is participation and not disqualification.

How do I submit my results? You can submit your results online, [HERE](#).

What scores do I need to submit? Submit your events and best practice scores in the registration link.

Will I get an award? Yes! You'll receive an award the week after Virtual Summer Games results are announced online.

How can I watch the Virtual Summer Games video? You can watch the Virtual Summer Games video on Special Olympics Iowa's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) accounts as well as [soiowa.org](#).

I need help or I have questions! Please contact us at info@soiowa.org.