



– UNIFIED

No qualifier required for state competition

Specific Division Age Requirements

Open – 8+

Shot gun start (exception mini golf)

Events:

- Events differ based on location of competition and options may include 3, 6 or 9 hole, and mini

Golf

- Must register athletes with a Unified Sports Partner (contact state office with questions)

Rules:

- The Special Olympics Sports Rules shall govern all Special Olympics Golf competitions. As an

International sports program, Special Olympics has created these rules based upon the Rules of golf as written by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews (R&G) and the United States

Golf Association (USGA). These rules shall govern all competition except when in conflict with the Official Special Olympics Sports Rules shall apply. You can find the [Golf Rules](#) on the SOIA website

Equipment:

- Athletes must provide their own equipment

Competition:

- Unified Golf is a 2-person alternate shot competition. Partners will tee off on the odd holes and

the Athletes will tee off on the even holes. Players will hit alternating shots through the remainder of the hole

- If a team/participant has taken five (5) strokes and has not reached the green, the team/participant will pick up the ball and drop it on the closest spot on the green. The team/participant will then be allowed five (5) strokes on the green. The maximum number of strokes per hole is ten (10)

- Team/participant may move the ball off of the cart paths, dirt areas, and ground under repair.

Nearest point of relief, one club length, no closer to the holes

- Athletes will be allowed to use a tee on the fairways