

Virtual Fall Games FAQ

What is the Virtual Fall Games?

- Virtual Fall Games is a safe way for Athletes, Young Athletes, Unified Partners, Volunteers and Supporters to keep the spirit of Special Olympics Michigan's Fall Games alive by competing from home safely, or at your social distance return to play session. Choose from 12 sporting events including Bocce, Cycling, Golf, Softball, and Fitness events. Just compete from your home, submit your scores online and you will be awarded a virtual award for your accomplishments.

Who can participate in Virtual Fall Games?

- Virtual Fall Games is open to both Special Olympics athletes and Unified Partners. Any non-Special Olympics Athlete – community member, family member, friend, corporate partner - can participate as a Unified Partner, so Virtual Fall Games is open to everyone!

When can I register?

- Registration for the Fall Virtual Games is now open.

When should I turn in my scores?

- On Friday, September 25, the score submission form will be posted on <https://www.somi.org/virtualgames>. You will be able to submit your scores starting September 25 through October 2 at Noon.

How do I register?

- Registration will take place at <https://www.somi.org/virtualgames>. Once there, click on the red box labeled 'Register for Fall Games' to register. If you prefer to register with a printed form that will be turned into your Area for submission, please contact your coach or Area Director.

How many events can I participate in?

- You can participate in up to three (3) events from any sport offered; mix and match sports if you desired. For example, you could choose the Bocce Traditional, Golf, and the Softball Fielding event.

How do I choose my events?

- Simple, just choose the three (3) events you feel most comfortable in, or the three (3) that interest you the most and compete.

Can I participate in a sport I have never played before?

- Yes, you can participate in any of the events offered regardless on your past participation - however, practice is strongly encouraged.

How do I know how to complete each event, are there instructions to follow?

- Yes, there are instructions to follow. Go to <https://www.somi.org/virtualgames> and check out the sports and events offered. Each event has a description along with a 'how to' video showing how to complete each skill.

I am a Unified partner, but I do not have an athlete to participate with. Can I still participate in the Virtual Fall Games?

- Yes, you will register at <https://www.somi.org/virtualgames>. Registration is open now and runs through September 24. Once registered, we will work to team-up athletes with Unified partners to train and compete if you request us to do so.

How do I find out where I placed in my events?

- The online Virtual Fall Games celebration concludes on Wednesday, October 5 with the Closing Ceremony and Highlight Show where video clips, submitted by participants during the score submission process, will be highlighted. Final results will be posted online on Friday, October 9. Participants will also receive an email with results and individualized digital awards certificates.

How do I get my free t-shirt?

- The first 120 participants who registered for the Virtual Fall Games and also submitted results for their events will receive a free Virtual Fall Games shirt. This shirt will be mailed to the participant at the address you provided during registration following the conclusion of the Games. We will inform these 120 participants following the Games to let them know they will be receiving a t-shirt. Additional shirts will be available for purchase from <http://somi.eagraphics.com>.

Have any additional questions? Feel free to email somiforms@somi.org for more help.