

Virtual Winter Games FAQ

What is the Virtual Winter Games?

- Virtual Winter Games is a safe way for Athletes, Young Athletes, Unified Partners, Volunteers and Supporters to keep the spirit of Special Olympics Michigan's Winter Games alive by competing from home safely, or at your social distance return to play session. Choose from 4 sporting events including Alpine Skiing, Snowboarding, Cross Country, Snowshoe, speed skating, figure skating and Fitness as sport. Just compete from your home, submit your scores online and you will be awarded a virtual participation award for your accomplishments.

Who can participate in Virtual Winter Games?

- Virtual Winter 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 Winter Games is open to everyone!

When can I register?

- Registration for the Winter Virtual Games is now open.

When should I turn in my scores?

- On Wednesday, February 24, the score submission form will be posted on to somi.org/virtualgames. You will be able to submit your scores starting February 10 through February 24th at Noon.

How do I register?

- Registration will take place at to somi.org/virtualgames. Once there, click on the red box labeled 'Register for Winter 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 Snowshoe, Figure skating, and the Alpine Skiing 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 somi.org/virtualgames and check out the sports and events offered. Each event has a description 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 Winter Games?

- We will not be able to pair anyone for the Virtual Winter Games. All athletes and Unified partners will be responsible for pairing-up on their own.

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

- The online Virtual Winter Games celebration concludes on Wednesday, February 24th with the Closing Ceremony and Highlight Show where video clips, submitted by participants during the score submission process, will be highlighted. Participants will also receive an email with digital participation awards certificates.

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