



# Golf

## 2024 Fall Season



**Fall Games Dates:** Saturday October 19  
Mountain View Golf Course, Ewing

Rain Date TBD

**For inclement weather please check the website**  
**Competition Hotline - 609-482-2288**

# Golf Information

**Special  
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Golf is game of respect and  
sportsmanship; we have to  
respect its traditions and its rules.

Jack Nicklaus

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# Golf Information

A photograph of a dirt road winding through a forest. The road is light brown and leads into the distance, flanked by tall grass and trees. The sky is overcast.

If there is one thing golf demands  
above all else, it is honesty.

Jack Nicklaus

## **Golf Rules Reference**

- Players may only receive help or instruction from their partner before taking their stance (at least one foot in position) – The partner must step away from the restricted area before the player takes their stance (this refers to aim, distance, methods of contact, club selection, and other methods of guidance)
- Rules while in the sand:
  - A player may not ground their club (touch club to sand), right in front of or behind the ball in the sand - grounding your club in the bunker results in a 2-stroke penalty
  - A player may not touch the sand with their club during a practice swing.
  - A player may remove loose impediments in a bunker (ex. leaves, stones, or other loose impediments)
- When a player's ball lies on the putting green, the Unified partner, in addition to their caddie, may mark and lift the ball without the player's authorization.

- In applying (Ball Must Be Dropped in Right Way), because physical limitations may make it difficult or impossible for players to know whether they have dropped the ball from knee height, the Unified partners and/or caddies should accept the player's reasonable judgment to do so.
- Spectators, coaches, score keepers, or other people on the course during competition may not coach or offer advice.
- Spectators must always follow the cart path, stay at least 50 feet or more behind or ahead of the golfers and are not allowed on the course fairways or greens.

# Codes of Conduct



- Updated Spectator Code of Conduct – Additional language with more clarity on violations and possible repercussions.
- Please review all Codes of Conduct on the general resources tab of the website at <https://www.sonj.org/about/resources/>

# Qualifying Year



- The 2024-2025 Program year will serve as a qualifying year for the 2026 USA Games to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Qualifying events will begin Fall Games 2024 through Summer Games 2025.
- We will continue to update programs as information becomes available.



# Athlete Participation Packet

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- SOI has made the decision to remove the requirement of the athlete physical exam and physician's signature for participation in Special Olympics. This would eliminate the necessity for a doctor to sign off and complete the current athlete participation packet. This removal of the physician's signature requirement allows for easier access to Special Olympics New Jersey programming.
- The remaining pages of the participation packet, including the health history and waivers, will still be required at this time. For new athletes or athletes with expired or expiring medicals through 2024 the baseline requirement is completing the current participation packet minus the doctor's signature page.
- Online participation packet and webinar recording:
- <https://www.sonj.org/more-than-sports/health/healthy-communities/participation-forms/>

# Questions



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