



How to Report a Competition

We want to collect information about what opportunities are being offered to athletes across our communities. This means reporting exhibition games, friendlies, and mock competitions that you **host** but ALSO sanctioned events, non-SOBC competitions, exhibition games, friendlies, and mock competitions that you **attend**.

Please note: There is no need to use this form to report that you are hosting a sanctioned competition as we will already have record of that when you submit the sanctioning form.

This guide will walk you through how to report a competition and how to decide if your event needs to be sanctioned or not. **Regardless of sanctioning, all competitions need to be reported each season.**

The Microsoft version of the Competition Reporting form is still in development. If you have questions or feedback, please email competition@specialolympics.bc.ca

Competition is a major component of the athlete and coach experience and enables Special Olympics BC athletes the opportunity to showcase their skills against athletes of similar ability. For a competition to be safe and fair it must meet SOBC minimum requirements. **It is our duty to maintain the integrity of the sport and set our athletes and coaches up for success across all levels.** This means that rules are being followed during exhibition games, friendlies, scrimmages, and mock competitions.

Important: Please DO NOT designate a competition as a “fun” tournament. Every tournament and game is meant to be fun; however, all levels of competition must adhere to the rules and regulations of the sport as well as the policies and procedures of Special Olympics BC and Special Olympics Canada

Please direct any questions to
competition@specialolympics.bc.ca

Types of Competition

Local Open or Invitational Competition: is defined as a competition where the opportunity is extended to other Locals/Regions, is not a qualifier, and athlete & coach development is considered the focus. This competition/event involves more than 2 Locals and requires sanctioning.

Exhibition Game/Friendly/Scrimmage: is a competition that is not for placing, awards, or a spot on Regional, Provincial, or National teams. An exhibition game/competition would be between no more than your Local and 1 other. An exhibition game could also be between teams that are within your Local. When **more than 2 Locals** are involved, the competition needs to be sanctioned. There is no limit to the number of teams each Local can bring but once there are more than 2 Locals involved, it needs to be sanctioned

Mock Competition: this type of competition is meant to simulate a real competition day to prepare athletes for what is to come. It is vital that all rules and regulations are followed in order to set athletes up for success. This type of competition still only involves no more than 2 Locals.

Important: A strong effort should be made to follow Special Olympics rules and regulations to ensure athlete safety and consistency across the province. Sport Rules can be found on the Special Olympics BC website located at www.specialolympics.bc.ca under "Resources: Sport Rules, Resources".

Non-SOBC Competition: this is a competition that is organized by a sport organization other than SOBC. The competition could have a division for Special Olympics or your athlete could be competing in their age group at said competition.

Example 1: the Jerome Classic is a track meet that has a SO division

Example 2: SOBC athletes compete in Skate BC events

Example 3: Powerlifting competitions often have SO divisions

What Should I Report?

In short, everything!

SOBC wants to be aware of all competition opportunities that are available to athletes. Please report competitions that you are attending AND if you are hosting.

What to Report: *Competitions You Attend*

- sanctioned competitions
- exhibition games/friendlies
- mock competitions
- non-SOBC competitions that are put on by an outside sport organization (for example, the Jerome Classic has a SO division and SOBC athletes compete in Skate BC competitions)

Examples

Example 1: Mission's basketball team reports they were invited to a scrimmage against Abbotsford during Abbotsford's regular practice time on Tuesdays.

Example 2: A Nanaimo PowerLifting coach reports that their athletes are attending a non-SOBC Powerlifting competition

Example 3: Burnaby's softball team reports they are attending the sanctioned, Coquitlam softball tournament in June.

What to Report: *Competitions You Host*

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- exhibition games/friendlies
- mock competitions

Examples

Example 1: Abbotsford's basketball team reports they invited Mission to a scrimmage during their regular practice time on Tuesdays.

Example 2: Vancouver reports they are hosting a mock competition for figure skating athletes in their Local.

Using the Microsoft Form

Step 1: access the Competition Reporting form using the link

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/7Hp7RV3WYN>

Step 2: answer the questions to the best of your ability

Step 3: if attending a non-SOBC competition, it is appreciated if you can include the link when prompted by the form

Things to Note:

- if you are hosting a competition that involves more than 2 Locals you will be directed to fill out the Local Competition Sanctioning Form
- if you accidentally click the wrong answer, you can click back to see your previous answers
- if you are having issues or have questions you can contact competition@specialolympics.bc.ca