



Special Olympics BC

Provincial Challenge Games



Accept the challenge to compete and connect! Be part of the **2021 Special Olympics BC Provincial Challenge Games!**

While we can't come together in person this summer the way we had planned, we wanted to find a way to still give everyone the opportunity to be active and celebrate together. So we are introducing the SOBC Provincial Challenge Games – **bringing the Games to you!**

Locals can offer the SOBC Provincial Challenge Games program this spring to help athletes stay active, feel connected, and work toward being part of a provincial celebration of their achievements. We have also been hearing from many volunteers who really miss their athletes – this program will give them new ways to renew connections and provide meaningful support!

Participating athletes will register with their Local to participate in the SOBC Provincial Challenge Games program. They will receive the monthly SOBC Provincial Challenge Games calendar, which will have daily physical and wellness activities. Training group leaders will connect weekly with their local athletes to provide encouragement and help track points.

And what will happen with those points? While this event will not be a qualifier, participants can help their Regional team claim top spot in the province! SOBC's Leadership Council will be hosting Regional teams, just like in traditional SOBC Games. Every challenge activity that an athlete completes will earn points toward your Regional team's total. Team totals will be averaged based on the number of participants per team, so every Region has the potential to come out on top – no matter their size!

The challenge calendars will be very similar to those SOBC has offered throughout the past year – check out the [past calendars](#) for examples. But there will be some new activities and new creative ways to win points!

Timeline

- **April 12 to 30: Registration!**
 - Each registered Games participant that competes the challenge activities through the months of May and June will receive a Games uniform piece.
 - Registration closes April 30.
- **May 1 to June 20: SOBC Provincial Challenge Games competition!**
 - SOBC hosts a virtual Provincial Challenge Games Opening Ceremony April 29.
 - SOBC issues a Provincial Challenge Games activity calendar for each month and maintains a leaderboard tracking regional team rankings.
 - Athletes complete challenges and count their points.
 - Training group leaders connect at least once a week with athletes and submit points to team.
 - Regional teams come together virtually for monthly pep rallies.
- **June 24 to 26: SOBC Provincial Challenge Games Ceremonies!**
 - Virtual awards, dance parties, and more.