



**About Pitch and Putt:** Pitch and Putt is an amateur sport, similar to golf. The maximum hole length for international competitions is 90 metres with a maximum total course length of 1,200 metres. Players may only use one iron and a putter. The game is played from raised artificial teeing surfaces using a tee and it has its own handicap system.

**Established:** Pitch and Putt was offered as a development sport for the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games and continues to be offered in the Special Olympics Ireland programme only.

**Differences of Special Olympics Pitch and Putt:** Pitch and Putt is offered up to and including Special Olympics Ireland Games only.

## By The Numbers:

In 2019, 83 Special Olympics Ireland athletes participated in Pitch & Putt

There are 49 clubs

## Events for Competition:

Individual 9 hole

Individual 18 hole

## Associations/Federations/Supporters:

Pitch and Putt Union of Ireland (PPUI)

<http://www.ppu.ie/>

## Divisioning at Special Olympics:

Athletes in every sport and event are grouped by age, gender, and ability, giving everyone a reasonable chance to win. At Special Olympics there are no World Records because each athlete, whether in the fastest or the slowest division is valued and recognized equally. In every division, all athletes receive an award, from gold, silver, and bronze medals, to fourth through eighth place ribbons. This idea of equal ability groupings is the foundation for competition in Special Olympics and can be witnessed at all events, whether it's athletics, aquatics, table tennis, football, skiing, or gymnastics. All athletes are given an equal chance to participate, perform, and be recognized for doing their best by their teammates, family, friends, and fans.