



Athletes may register to have a caddie during their round for traditional 3-hole and 9-hole golf. In accordance with the requirements, caddies **must be a level 2 coach who is registered for the competition** and **must follow the rules for caddies presented by Special Olympics Minnesota**. Athletes registered for Unified golf do not need to register for a caddie because their Unified partner serves as caddy on the team.

**Please list the athletes on your team who will use a caddie, along with the Level 2 coach who will serve as caddie:**

Delegation/Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete Name	Caddie (must be level 2 certified)

## **SOMN Caddy Guidelines**

- The tournament committee may prohibit the use of caddies or restrict the choice of caddies. (Appendix 1, Section 2)
  - A caddie must be a certified level 2 coach, registered for the competition
  - An athlete must be registered as having a caddie for assistance, if an athlete is not registered for this, he/she will be disqualified
  - An athlete may only have one caddie, a two stroke penalty is assessed for each hole an athlete uses more than one caddie (Rule 6-4)
- The caddie is responsible for knowing the Rules of Golf. Should the caddie violate a rule, the athlete will be penalized as if he/she committed the violation. (Rule 6-1)
- While “making a stroke” the caddie shall not be positioned close to or on an extension of the line of play or putt behind the ball. The caddie can hold the line during practice swings but must move away when the athlete addresses the ball. (Rule 14-2b)
- A caddie is allowed to attend the flag, but this must be arranged before the athlete makes his/her stroke. Once the stroke has been made, the pin may not be removed. If so, it results in a two-stroke penalty. (Rule 17-1)
- A caddie can:
  - Carry or push the athlete’s clubs
  - Assist with club selection and teeing a ball on the tee box if needed
  - Fix divots, ball marks, rake sand traps, attend the flag if requested before the stroke
  - Help locate a golf ball and athlete’s score
  - Suggest aim/line
    - The caddie may not physically assist, but can suggest where to aim
    - The caddie may not put a mark on the ground, or touch the line to assist