



Nominee: Kyle Spearing
Achievement: Bronze Medalist at the 2023 Special Olympics North American (SONA) Golf Championship

What was it like competing at the 2023 Special Olympics North American Golf Championship?
It was an amazing experience at the Walter Gretzky Memorial Golf Course. To see new venues and courses and making new friendships.

How did it feel to earn the Bronze Medal at such a high-level competition?
It felt great, I wore my medal all day. It was an amazing feeling and a wonderful ceremony. I also won a Silver Medal at the last SONA tournament in Wichita, KS at the Crestview Country Club in 2024. That was with my coach, Cory Lajeunesse who is with PGA Canada.

What challenges did you overcome during your journey to this achievement?
My coach Cory and I really worked on my short game, for example: chip to the green, and sand traps, those were a few challenges. Overall, I really focused on my swing and was successful at winning the Bronze Medal.

Do you have any plans to compete in future golf tournaments or set new goals for yourself?
I do plan to attend more golf tournaments with my coach, such as qualifiers for the Provincial and then eventually the Canada Games. I continue to work on my short game and currently play in three leagues and train at Sutton Creek golf course to keep my game up to par!

Kyle begins his 2-year eligibility run, competing in tournaments this year and next as he works toward the 2028 Provincial Games qualifier, 2029 Provincial Games, and the 2030 National Games.