

**MISSION:**

To provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with an intellectual disability, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

**HISTORY:**

Founded in 1975

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2015 census):**

Registered athletes and Unified partners:	16,783
Coaches:	1,059
Competitions:	642

**SUPPORT:**

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece
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**22 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cheerleading	Equestrian
Figure Skating	Flag Football	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Kayaking	Kickball	Powerlifting	Short Track Speed Skating
Snowboarding	Snowshoeing	Softball	Tennis
Volleyball			

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

AIA Unified Sports, Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Healthy LEAP, Special Olympics Advocacy Resource Program (SOAR), Under 8 Can't Wait, Unified Sports, Young Athletes

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