

**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 1990

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2015 census):

Registered athletes and Unified partners:	1,860
Coaches:	254
Competitions:	72

GOAL:

By the end of 2015

- 8 athletes trained as leaders
- 10 new families per year to be active

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (64 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (30 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (82 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan (23 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (69 athletes)

20 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball
Beach Volleyball	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Equestrian
Figure Skating	Floorball	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Gymnastics (Rhythmic)	Judo	Kayaking	Sailing
Snowboarding	Snowshoeing	Volleyball	Beach Volleyball

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Family Support Network (FSN), Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Young Athletes

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