



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 2000

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2016 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 6,225
 Coaches: 181
 Competition opportunities: 61

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (11 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China
- 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan
- 2004 Special Olympics Greece Invitational Games, Rhodes, Greece (16 athletes)
- 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Dublin, Ireland

REGIONAL EVENTS:

- 2nd MENA Regional Games in Rabat, Morocco, 2000
- 3rd MENA Regional Games in Beirut, Lebanon, 2002
- 4th MENA Regional Games in Tunis, Tunisia, 2004
- 5th MENA Regional Games in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 2006
- 6th MENA Regional games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 2008
- 7th MENA Regional Games in Damascus, Syria, 2010

15 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cycling	Floor Hockey
Football (Soccer)	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Judo	Power Lifting
Snowshoeing	Table Tennis	Tennis	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Young Athletes

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