

**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 1968

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2015 census):

Registered athletes and Unified partners:	58,952
Coaches:	18,637
Competitions:	179

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

19 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Equestrian
Figure Skating	Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Gymnastics (Artistic and Rhythmic)	Power Lifting	Short Track Speed Skating	Snowshoeing
Softball	Tennis	Volleyball	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Young Athletes, Project UNIFY, Special Olympics Unified Sports, and Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

Ms. Jennifer Fortner, Board Chair

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