



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 1969

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2015 census):

Registered athletes and Unified partners:	12,432
Coaches:	2,500
Competitions:	2,951

SUPPORT:

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece

25 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cycling	Dance
Distance Running	Equestrian	Figure Skating	Flag Football
Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Golf	Hockey
Horseshoes	Power Lifting	Short Track Speed Skating	Snowboarding
Snowshoeing	Softball	Tennis	Triathlon
Volleyball			

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

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

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

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