

**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 1978

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2015 census):

Registered athletes and Unified partners:	10,791
Coaches:	1,087
Competitions:	374

GOAL:

By the end of 2015

- 20% increase in athletes in 3 low-participation sports
- 50 coaches upskilled in coaching technical events
- Double the number of athletes participating in technical events across 2 sports

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (85 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea (14 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece (123 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Nagano, Japan (8 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China (140 athletes)

16 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton
Basketball	Bocce	Bowling	Equestrian
Floorball	Football (Soccer)	Golf	Gymnastics (Artistic)
Gymnastics (Rhythmic)	Kayaking	Pitch & Putt Golf	Table Tennis

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

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

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