

# **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:	5,466
Coaches:	1,547
Competitions:	78

### **SUPPORT:**

Recipient of corporate and individual funding

#### **INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- Participated in the 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece •
- Participated in the 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea •
- Participated in the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Los Angeles, CA USA

## **14 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Equestrian
Football (Soccer)	Golf	Sailing	Short Track Speed Skating
Snowshoeing	Tennis		

#### **OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

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

#### **EXECUTIVE STAFF:**

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