



**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 1987

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2015 census):**

Registered athletes and Unified partners:	2,521
Coaches:	94
Competitions:	11

**GOAL:**

To reach 3,500 athletes and participants by the end of 2015

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (49 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece (33 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China (21 athletes)

**12 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball	Equestrian
Football (Soccer)	Golf	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Gymnastics (Rhythmic)
Handball	Open Water Swimming	Petanque	Table Tennis

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Family Support Network (FSN), Young Athletes, Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)

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