

**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 2001

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2015 census):

Registered athletes and Unified partners:	19,126
Coaches:	661
Competitions:	12

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (20 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea (12 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece (19 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Nagano, Japan (7 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China (25 athletes)

20 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Figure Skating
Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Gymnastics (Rhythmic)
Handball	Judo	Power Lifting	Roller Skating
Short Track Speed Skating	Snowshoeing	Table Tennis	Snowshoeing

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Family Support Network (FSN), Young Athletes

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

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