

**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 1998 and was accredited by Special Olympics, Inc. in 1999

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2013 census):

Registered athletes and participants:	7,957
Coaches:	648
Competitions:	2,827

GOAL:

To reach 15,400 athletes and participants by the end of 2016

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 9 delegates competed in the 2012 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece
- Participation in the 2010 Special Olympics Global Congress in Marrakech, Morocco
- 14 delegates competed in the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China

4 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Athletics	Basketball	Football (Soccer)	Young Athletes Program (YAP)
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OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES:

English and Chichewa

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