

**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 1993, re-structured Board in 2014

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2014 census):**

Registered athletes:	254
Coaches:	71
Competitions:	22

**GOAL:**

To reach at least 1,500 athletes and participants by the end of 2016

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (4 athletes)
- 2011 Olympics World Summer Games, Athens Greece (4 athletes)
- 2011 Program leaders training, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2010 Special Olympics Global Congress, Marrakech, Morocco
- 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games, North Carolina, USA (11 athletes)
- 1995 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Connecticut, USA (8 athletes)

**3 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Athletics	Basketball	Football (Soccer)
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**OFFICIAL LANGUAGES:** French and Bambara

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