



**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 the early 1990's, the Program restructured with new management in 2009

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2013 census):**

Registered athletes and participants:	1,350
Coaches:	337
Competitions:	80

**GOAL:**

To reach 3,350 athletes and participants by the end of 2016

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- Athletes competed in the 1991 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Minnesota, USA
- 2 athletes competed in the 1995 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Connecticut, USA
- 4 athletes competed in the 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games in North Carolina, USA
- Athletes competed in the 2006 Invitational Games, Spain
- Participated in the 2010 Special Olympics Global Congress in Marrakech, Morocco
- 6 athletes competed in the 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece

**9 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Athletics	Basketball	Bocce	Football (Soccer)
Gymnastics (Artistic)	Handball	Table Tennis	Volleyball
Young Athletes Program (YAP)			

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes (HA)

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGES:**

French and the local language Wolof

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