

**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 1985

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2014 census):

Registered athletes:	8,118
Coaches:	396
Competitions:	67

GOAL:

1. Increase the number of athletes participating in the organization.
2. Develop a Young Athlete program and increase the number of events in this program.
3. National Games in 2016
4. Increase and build staff capacity

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (36 athletes)
- 2014 Special Olympics European Summer games in Antwerp, Belgium (29 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece (84 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China (39 athletes)

14 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce	Bowling
Cycling	Equestrian	Floorball	Football (Soccer)	Judo
Kayaking	Open Water Swimming	Table Tennis	Tennis	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Family Support Network (FSN), Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Young Athletes

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

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