



**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 1990

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

Registered athletes and participants:	1,390
Coaches:	120
Competitions:	48

**GOAL:**

By 2015:

- To increase number of registered SO athletes by 150 and 30 new coaches.
- To increase sport offered from 8 to 10, add 2 new - e.g. Floor Ball
- To appoint Sports Coordinators / Head Coaches in each sport
- To start cooperation with at least 5 other NGOs (FARE, CAFÉ, UNICEF ect)
- Secure the Government support to sports related social project administered by SO Moldova
- Reach 8 regions of Moldova with Special Olympics structure – organize at least 1 conference/seminar in each region.

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (7 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (2 athlete)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (15 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (11 athletes)

**11 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton	Basketball
Bocce	Football (Soccer)	Handball	Short Track Speed Skating
Table Tennis	Tennis	Volleyball	

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Young Athletes

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