

**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 1994

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2014 census):

Registered athletes:	24,467
Coaches:	1,145
Competitions:	238

GOAL:

Special Olympics Romania aims to be one of the main social factors contributing to full social inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities in Romania. Special Olympics Romania uses a multipurpose approach aiming at community inclusion and participation using specific Special Olympics methods combining local initiatives and complementary services.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (22 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (10 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (27 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan (14 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (31 athletes)

17 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton
Basketball	Bocce	Cross Country Skiing	Cycling
Figure Skating	Football (Soccer)	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Judo
Kayaking	Snowshoeing	Table Tennis	Tennis
Volleyball			

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Family Support Network (FSN), Healthy Athletes, Project Unify, Unified Sports, Young Athletes

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