

#### **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 2002

# PARTICIPANTS (per the 2014 census):

Registered athletes: 12,627 Coaches: 181 Competitions: 126

#### **GOAL:**

Special Olympics Serbia aims to provide consistent sports training and over 100 competitions, including Unified Sports, as a means to contribute to the inclusion of persons with intellectual disabilities in Serbian communities

### **INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (52 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (12 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (42 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan (10 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (36 athletes)

## **10 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball
Beach Volleyball	Bocce	Cross Country Skiing	Football (Soccer)
Table Tennis		Volleyball	

## **OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Unified Sports, Project Unify

### **EXECUTIVE STAFF:**

Prof. Goran Pekovic, President
Mr. Aleksandar (Sasha) Stanojevic, National Director
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