

**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 1982

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

Registered athletes:	21,869
Coaches:	882
Competitions:	30

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (8 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (3 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (93 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan (6 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (64 athletes)

**10 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball
Bowling	Football (Soccer)	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Table Tennis
Tennis	Volleyball		

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Unified Sports

**EXECUTIVE STAFF:**

**Mr. Mehmet Civelek**, Chairman

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