

**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:	18,900
Coaches:	732
Competitions:	95

GOAL:

To reach 19,200 athletes in 20 regions by 2015

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (8 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (6 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (27 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan (17 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (36 athletes)
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16 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton
Basketball	Bocce	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing
Floor Hockey	Floorball	Football (Soccer)	Gymnastics (Rhythmic)
Judo	Power Lifting	Table Tennis	Volleyball

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Motor Activities Training Program, Young Athletes

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