



**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.

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2012 census):**

Registered athletes:	593 (represents 27% growth over 2011 census) (similar percentage growth anticipated for 2013 census)
Coaches:	47
Competitions:	29

**2014 GOALS:**

To achieve a 10% increase in number of coaches and athletes, an increase in Unified Sports teams, an increase in the number of local competitions. Also, the Program is focused on further developing and strengthening its sports program model.

**Participation in recent INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2013 Pan American Tennis Tournament in Santa Cruz, Bolivia
- 2013 Special Olympics North American Softball Tournament
- 2013 COPA DE ORO Unified Football Tournament in San Jose, Costa Rica
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2012 Special Olympics Central American and Caribbean Summer Games in Panama
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece

**2014 National Summer Games: Centro Olímpico, Santo Domingo (May)**

Sports to be offered: Athletics, Aquatics, Basketball and Unified Basketball, Bocce, Softball, Tennis, Triathlon and Volleyball

- Qualifying event to select National Delegation to compete at the 2015 World Summer Games in Los Angeles

**OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Athletics	Aquatics and Unified aquatics	Basketball and Unified Basketball	Football and Unified Football
Golf	Powerlifting	Softball and unified softball	Tennis
Triathlon	Open Water	Snowshoeing	

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership  
 Families Program  
 Unified Sports  
 Volunteer Program  
 Young Athletes

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGES:**

Spanish

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