



**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 2000

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2013 census):**

Registered athletes and participants:	5,303
Coaches:	176
Competition opportunities:	46

**GOAL:**

To reach 6,600 athletes and participants by the end of 2016

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- Participated in the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Dublin, Ireland
- 16 athletes participated in the 2004 Special Olympics Greece Invitational Games in Rhodes, Greece
- Participated in the 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Nagano, Japan
- Participated in the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China

**REGIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> MENA Regional Games in Rabat, Morocco, 2000
- 3<sup>rd</sup> MENA Regional Games in Beirut, Lebanon, 2002
- 4<sup>th</sup> MENA Regional Games in Tunis, Tunisia, 2004
- 5<sup>th</sup> MENA Regional Games in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 2006
- 6<sup>th</sup> MENA Regional games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 2008
- 7<sup>th</sup> MENA Regional Games in Damascus, Syria, 2010

**16 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cycling	Football (Soccer)
Gymnastics (Artistic)	Judo	Power Lifting	Table Tennis
Tennis	Floor Hockey	Snow showing	
Motor Activities Training Program (MATP)			

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership Programs (ALPs)

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