



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 1986

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2013 census):

Registered athletes and participants:	5,006
Coaches:	344
Competition opportunities:	56

GOAL:

To reach 6,000 athletes and participants by the end of 2016

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- Participated in the 1987 Special Olympics World Summer Games in South Bend, Indiana
- Participated in the 1989 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Reno, Nevada
- Participated in the 1990 Third European Summer Special Olympics Games, Scotland
- 6 athletes participated in the 1991 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Minnesota, USA
- 12 athletes participated in the 1993 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Salzburg, Austria
- 20 athletes participated in the 1995 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Connecticut, USA
- 5 athletes participated in the 1997 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Canada
- 18 athletes participated in the 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games in North Carolina, USA
- 13 athletes participated in the 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Alaska, USA
- Participated in the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Dublin, Ireland
- Participated in the 2004 Special Olympics Greece Invitational Games, Rhodes
- Participated in the 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Nagano, Japan
- Participated in the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China
- Participated in the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Idaho, USA

REGIONAL EVENTS:

- 1st MENA Regional Games in Cairo, Egypt, 1999
- 2nd MENA Regional Games in Rabat, Morocco, 2000
- 3rd MENA Regional Games in Beirut, Lebanon, 2002
- 4th MENA Regional Games in Tunis, Tunisia, 2004
- 5th MENA Regional Games in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 2006
- 6th MENA Regional Games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 2008
- 7th MENA Regional Games in Damascus, Syria, 2010

16 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cycling	Equestrian
Football (Soccer)	Power Lifting	Roller Skating	Table Tennis
Tennis	Floor Hockey	Snowshoeing	
Motor Activities Training Program (MATP)			

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership Programs (ALPs)

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