



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 1995

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2013 census):

Registered athletes and participants:	3,559
Coaches:	306
Competition opportunities:	89

GOAL:

To reach 4,300 athletes and participants by the end of 2016

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 8 athletes participated in the 1995 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Connecticut, USA
- Participated in the 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games in North Carolina, USA
- Participated in the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Dublin, Ireland
- Participated in the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China

REGIONAL EVENTS:

- Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Games, 1995
- Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Games, 1998
- 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

19 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cycling	Equestrian
Football (Soccer)	Handball	Power Lifting	Softball
Table Tennis	Tennis	Volleyball	Snow shoeing
Short Track Speed Skating	Motor Activities Training Program (MATP)	Young Athletes Program (YAP)	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership Programs (ALPs)

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