



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 1970

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2014 census):

Registered athletes:	17,672
Coaches:	4,327
Competitions:	240

SUPPORT:

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece

19 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Bowling	Cycling	Distance Running	Flag Football
Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Golf	Gymnastics (Artistic)
Gymnastics (Rhythmic)	Power Lifting	Short Track Speed Skating	Snowshoeing
Softball	Triathlon	Volleyball	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Young Athletes, Project UNIFY, Special Olympics Unified Sports, and Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Motor Activities Training Program (MATP)

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