

**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 the late 1970s

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2014 census):**

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| Registered athletes: | 218 |
| Coaches:             | 10  |
| Competitions:        | 7   |

**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

**12 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

|                           |              |              |            |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Athletics (Track & Field) | Bocce        | Bowling      | Cricket    |
| Equestrian                | Floor Hockey | Football     | Golf       |
| Open Water Swimming       | Powerlifting | Table Tennis | Volleyball |

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

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

**EXECUTIVE STAFF:**

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