



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 1969

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2014 census):

Registered athletes and participants: 13,493
 Coaches: 1,200
 Competitions: 100+

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

27 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cheerleading	Cross Country Skiing
Curling	Croquet	Cycling	Long Distance Running
Figure Skating	Flag Football	Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)
Golf	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Power Lifting	Sailing
Speed Skating	Snowboarding	Snowshoeing	Softball
Triathlon	Tennis	Volleyball	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Special Olympics Unified Sports (offered in communities), Special Olympics Unified Sports Administered by the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) (offered in schools), Project UNIFY, Young Athletes, Unified Sports Fitness Club, Healthy Athletes, Healthy Communities, Athlete Leadership, Law Enforcement Torch Run

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