



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 1971

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2014 census):

Registered athletes and participants:	3,734
Coaches:	382
Competitions:	45

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

18 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Cycling
Distance Running	Flag Football	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Power Lifting	Roller Skating	Snowshoeing	Softball
Tennis	Volleyball		

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

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

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