



**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: 1,735  
Coaches: 120  
Competitions: 20

**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

**9 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Bowling	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Short Track Speed Skating	Tennis	Volleyball

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

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

**EXECUTIVE STAFF:**

**Mr. Stephen Saxon**, Board Chair

**Mr. Kraig Makohus**, President and CEO

[kmakohus@specialolympicsdc.org](mailto:kmakohus@specialolympicsdc.org)

**Mr. Ricardo Thornton**, Athlete Representative on the Board of Directors

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

900 Second Street NE  
Suite 200  
Washington, DC, USA, 20002

**PHONE:** 202.408.2640

**FAX:** 202.408.2646

**WEBSITE:** [www.specialolympicsdc.org](http://www.specialolympicsdc.org)