



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:	26,698
Coaches:	4,596
Competitions:	500

SUPPORT:

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

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

31 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton
Basketball	Bocce	Bowling	Cycling
Equestrian	Figure Skating	Flag Football	Floor Hockey
Football (Soccer)	Golf	Gymnastics, Artistic	Gymnastics, Rhythmic
Kayaking	Power Lifting	Roller Skating	Sailing
Softball	Table Tennis	Tennis	Volleyball

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

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

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