

## **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:	10,387
Coaches:	2,885
Competitions:	2,291

### SUPPORT:

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

### INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece

## **25 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cycling	Dance
Distance Running	Equestrian	Figure Skating	Flag Football
Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Golf	Hockey
Horseshoes	Power Lifting	Short Track Speed Skating	Snowboarding
Snowshoeing	Softball	Tennis	Triathlon
Volleyball			

### **OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

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

### **EXECUTIVE STAFF:**

Mr. Buzz Lail, Board Chair Mr. Michael Furnish, President and CEO Mr. Ken Melvin, Athlete Representative on the Board of Directors

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