



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 1973

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2014 census):

Registered athletes:	8,200
Coaches:	8,750
Competitions:	110

SUPPORT:

Recipient of SOI grants, corporate and individual funding

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

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

17 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Equestrian	Flag Football
Golf	Gymnastics (Artistic & Rythmic)	Polly Hockey	Power Lifting
Snowboarding	Softball	Tennis	Volleyball

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Healthy Communities, Young Athletes, Project UNIFY, R-word Campaign, Youth Activation Committee, Special Olympics Unified Sports, and Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)

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