

#### **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 1972

## **PARTICIPANTS** (per the 2014 census):

Registered athletes: 6,515 Coaches: 493 Competitions: 44

## 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

### 19 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

| Alpine Skiing         | Aquatics      | Athletics            | Basketball  |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Bocce                 | Bowling       | Cross Country Skiing | Equestrian  |
| Flag Football         | Floor Hockey  | Football (Soccer)    | Golf        |
| Gymnastics (Artistic) | Power Lifting | Roller Skating       | Snowshoeing |
| Softball              | Tennis        | Volleyball           |             |

### **OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

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

## **EXECUTIVE STAFF:**

Ms. Heather Wright, Board Chair

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