

## **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:	2,994
Coaches:	365
Competitions:	26

### 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

## **16 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Equestrian
Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Golf	Snowboarding
Snowshoeing	Softball	Triathlon	Volleyball

## **OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

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

## **EXECUTIVE STAFF:**

Mr. Mike Dennby, Board ChairMs. Mary Conroy, President and CEOmaryc@sonh.orgMr. Charlie Helfrich, Athlete Representative on the Board of Directors

#### SPECIAL OLYMPICS PROGRAM

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