

**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 1971

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2014 census):

Registered athletes:	1,170
Coaches:	168
Competitions:	14

SUPPORT:

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

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

12 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Football (Soccer)
Golf	Snowboarding	Snowshoeing	Softball

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

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

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

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