

	OLYMPICS	PARALYMPICS	SPECIAL OLYMPICS
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Goal/Vision/Mission	"To contribute to building a peaceful and better world by educating young people through sport practised in accordance with Olympism and its values."	"To enable Paralympic athletes to achieve sporting excellence and inspire and excite the world."	"To provide year-round sports and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community."
Founded	International Olympic Committee established 23 June 1894 (Paris, France)	International Paralympic Committee established 22 Sept 1989 (Dusseldorf, Germany)	Special Olympics Inc. established 2 Aug 1968 (Washington, D.C., USA)
First Games	6 April 1896 (Athens, Greece)	18 September 1960 (Rome, Italy)	20 July 1968 (Chicago, Illinois, USA)
Sports Offered	35	28	32
Competitions/year	Olympic Games every other year	Paralympic Games every other year	100,000 competitions/year (including World Games every other year)
Founder	Pierre de Coubertin	Dr. Ludwig Guttmann	Eunice Kennedy Shriver
Current Leadership	Thomas Bach, President	Andrew Parsons, President; Xavier Gonzalez, Chief Executive Officer	Mary Davis, Chief Executive Officer; Dr. Timothy P. Shriver, Chairman
Headquarters	Lausanne, Switzerland	Bonn, Germany	Washington, D.C., USA
Members	206 National Olympic Committees on five continents	177 National Paralympic Committees	220 Special Olympics Programs*
Next International Summer Games	Tokyo, Japan 24 July – 9 August 2020	Tokyo, Japan 25 August – 6 September 2020	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates 14 – 21 March 2019
Athlete Participation (from most recent international Summer Games)	11,544 athletes from 207 countries in 28 sports (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2016)	4,350 athletes from 160 countries in 22 sports (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2016)	6,500 athletes from 165 countries in 25 sports (Los Angeles, Calif., USA 2015)
Next International Winter Games	Beijing, China 2022	Beijing, China 2022	TBA
Athlete Participation (from most recent international Winter Games)	2,922 athletes from 92 countries in 15 sports (PyeongChang, South Korea, 2018)	670 athletes from 40 countries in 6 sports (PyeongChang, South Korea, 2018)	2,277 athletes from 113 countries in 9 sports (Graz, Austria)
Sources:	<a href="http://www.olympic.org">www.olympic.org</a>	<a href="http://www.paralympic.org">www.paralympic.org</a>	<a href="http://www.specialolympics.org">www.specialolympics.org</a>

\* Special Olympics has over 220 Programs located in more than 170 countries

