

**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 1968

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2017 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	44,639
Coaches:	23,775
Competitions:	201

SUPPORT:

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2019 Special Olympics World Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Austria
- 2015 Special Olympics World Games, Los Angeles, USA
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Games, Athens, Greece

22 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics (Swimming)	Athletics	Basketball
Bowling	Equestrian	Flag Football	Floor Hockey
Bocce	Bowling	Equestrian	Flag Football
Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Golf	Gymnastics – Artistic
Gymnastic- Rhythmic	Powerlifting	Snowshoeing	Softball
Tennis	Volleyball		

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Young Athletes, Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools®, and Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

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