

**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 1995

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2016 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	54726
Coaches:	4813
Competitions:	496

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- Special Olympics World Summer Games North Carolina, USA 1999
- Special Olympics World Winter Games Alaska, USA 2001
- Special Olympics World Summer Games Ireland 2003
- Special Olympics World Winter Games Japan 2005
- Special Olympics World Summer Game China 2007
- Special Olympics World Winter Game Idaho USA 2009
- Special Olympics World Summer Games Greece 2011
- Special Olympics World Winter Games Korea 2013
- Special Olympics World Summer Games Los Anglos USA 2015
- Special Olympics World Winter Games Austria 2017
- Special Olympics Unified Cup Chicago USA 2018
- Special Olympics World Winter Games Abu Dhabi 2019
- Special Olympics Unified Cup Baharat 2019
- Special Olympics Unified Cup Detroit USA 2022
- Special Olympics World Summer Games Berlin Germany 2023
- International Triathlon Race Abu Dhabi 2018.

REGIONAL EVENTS:

- Special Olympics 1st MENA Regional Games, Egypt, 1999
- Special Olympics 2nd MENA Regional Games, Morocco, 2000
- Special Olympics 3rd MENA Regional Games, Lebanon, 2002
- Special Olympics 4th MENA Regional Games, Tunisia, 2004
- Special Olympics 5th MENA Regional Games, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 2006
- Special Olympics 6th MENA Regional Games, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 2008
- Special Olympics 7th MENA Regional Games, Syria, 2010
- Special Olympics Regional Competition (Bowling – Tennis) Oman 2013
- Special Olympics 8th MENA Regional Games, Egypt, 2014
- Special Olympics Mena Region Unified Football Cup – Cairo 2014
- Special Olympics Unified Triathlon Competition – Cairo 2016
- Special Olympics 9th MENA Regional Games, Dubai, United Arab Emirates 2018
- Special Olympics MENA Regional Equestrian Cup (Sheikh Khalid bin Hamad Cup) Bahrain 2019
- Special Olympics 1st MENA Floorball Cup – Cairo 2019

InterContinental EVENTS:

- Special Olympics 1st Pan African Games Egypt, 2020

22 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Aquatics	Badminton
Basketball	Bocce	Bowling	Cross Country
Cycling	Equestrian	Floorball	Football (Soccer)
Gymnastics	Handball	Hockey	Powerlifting
Roller Skating	Snowshoeing	Speed skating	Table Tennis
Tennis	Volleyball		

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership

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