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 1994

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2016 census):
Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 11,656
Coaches: 539
Competition opportunities: 112

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:
• 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (15 athletes)
• 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China
• 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan
• 2004 Special Olympics Greece Invitational Games, Rhodes, Greece
• 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Dublin, Ireland
• 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games, North Carolina, USA
• 1995 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Connecticut, USA

REGIONAL EVENTS
• 1st MENA Regional Games in Cairo, Egypt, 1999
• 2nd MENA Regional Games in Rabat, Morocco, 2000
• 3rd MENA Regional Games in Beirut, Lebanon, 2002
• 4th MENA Regional Games in Tunis, Tunisia, 2004
• 5th MENA Regional Games in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 2006
• 6th MENA Regional Games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 2008
• Hosted the 7th MENA Regional Games in Damascus, Syria, 2010

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