

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 1986

PARTICIPANTS:

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 873 Coaches: 96 Competitions: 232

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2023 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Berlin, Germany
- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Graz and Schladming, Austria
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Los Angeles, USA
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Idaho, USA
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China
- 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Nagano, Japan (15 athletes)
- 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Dublin, Ireland (18 athletes)
- 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Alaska, USA (13 athletes)
- 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games in North Carolina, USA (12 athletes)
- 1997 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Ontario, Canada (10 athletes)
- 1995 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Connecticut, USA (12 athletes)

Regional Events:

- 2018 9th MENA Regional games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- 2014 8th MENA Regional games in Cairo, Egypt
- 2010 7th MENA Regional Games in Damascus, Syria
- 2008 6th MENA Regional games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- 2006 5th MENA Regional Games in Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2004 4th MENA Regional Games in Tunis, Tunisia
- 2002 3rd MENA Regional Games in Beirut, Lebanon
- 2000 2nd MENA Regional Games in Rabat, Morocco
- 1999 1st MENA Regional Games in Cairo, Egypt

23 SPORTS:

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Athletics	Badminton	Basketball	Beach Volleyball	Bocce
Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Cycling	Equestrian	Figure Skating
Floorball	Football (Soccer)	Futsal	Handball	Judo
MATP	Power Lifting	Short Track Speed Skating	Snowshoeing	Swimming
Table Tennis	Volleyball	Young Athletes		

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OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership Program =

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