

**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 1990.

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2016 census):

Registered Athletes and Participants: 9,850

GOAL:

Constantly developing sports and programming targeting inclusion.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 1991 World Summer Games Minnesota - USA
- 1993 World Winter Games Salzburg - Austria
- 1995 World Summer Games New Haven - USA
- 1997 World Winter Games Toronto - Canada
- 1999 World Summer Games North Carolina - USA
- 2001 World Winter Games Alaska - USA
- 2003 World Summer Games Dublin - Ireland
- 2005 World Winter Games Japan
- 2007 World Summer Games Shanghai - China
- 2009 World Winter Games Idaho - USA
- 2011 World Summer Games Athens - Greece
- 2013 World Winter Games Pyeong Chang
- 2015 World Summer Games Los Angeles
- 2017 World Winter Games Austria
- 2019 World Summer Games Abu Dhabi UAE
- 2023 World Summer Games Berlin

REGIONAL EVENTS:

- 1999 First Regional Games Egypt
- 2000 Second Regional Games Morocco
- 2002 Third Regional Games Lebanon
- 2004 Fourth Regional Games Tunisia
- 2006 Fifth Regional Games Dubai - UAE
- 2008 Sixth Regional Games Abu Dhabi - UAE
- 2010 Seventh Regional Games Damascus - Syria
- 2014 Eight Regional Games Cairo - Egypt
- 2019 Ninth Regional Games Abu Dhabi - UAE

HOSTED 3 REGIONAL EVENTS:

- Hosted 2002 summer games
- Hosted 2011 power lifting regional games
- Hosted 2012 table tennis regional games

27 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Summer	Winter	Equestrian	Floor ball
Athletics	Alpine skiing	Bocce	Football (soccer)
Badminton	Cross Country Skiing	Bowling	Handball
Basketball	Snow shoeing	Cycling	power lifting
Table Tennis	Volleyball	Fitness	MATP
Tennis	Young athletes	Floor Hockey	Swimming
Roller skating	Open water swimming	Triathlon	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Young Athletes, families including siblings, Athletes Leaders, Health Messenger, Healthy Athletes, Healthy Community, Youth leaders' engagement (US|UCS) 

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