

**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 1998

PARTICIPANTS:

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	9,685
Coaches:	719
Competitions:	66

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 1999 World Summer Games in North Carolina – USA
- 2003 World Summer Games – Ireland 2003
- 2007 World Summer Games – China
- 2009 Winter World Games in Idaho – USA
- 2011 World Summer Games – Greece
- 2013 World Winter Games – Korea
- 2015 World Summer Games – Los Anglos USA
- 2017 World Winter Games – Austria
- 2018 Unified Cup Chicago – USA
- 2019 World Winter Games – Abu Dhabi
- 2023 World Summer Games Berlin – Germany

Regional Events:

- 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 Basketball Competition, Morocco 2012.
- Special Olympics Regional Competition (Bowling) Oman 2013.
- Special Olympics 8th MENA Regional Games, Egypt, 2014
- Special Olympics Mena Region Unified Football Cup - Cairo 2014
- Special Olympics 9th MENA Regional Games, Dubai, United Arab Emirates 2018.
- Special Olympics 1st Pan African Games Egypt, 2020.

16 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Athletics	Basketball	Badminton	Bocce	Fitness
Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Judo	Gymnastics, Rhythmic	Gymnastics, Artistic
Power Lifting	Tennis	Swimming	Table Tennis	Triathlon
Young Athletes				

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Head of Athletes, Families, Volunteer Program

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

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