



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 2016.

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2023 census):

Registered Athletes:	2,920
Coaches:	429
Competitions:	100

GOAL:

To reach 3,200 athletes and participants by the end of 2024.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2023 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Berlin, Germany
- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, UAE (290 athletes)
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Austria (23 athletes)
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (55 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Idaho, USA
- 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Dublin, Ireland
- 1995 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Connecticut, USA

REGIONAL EVENTS:

- 2018 9th MENA Regional games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- 2016 Unified Triathlon Regional Competition, Cairo Egypt
- 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

32 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Athletics	Badminton	Basketball	Beach Volleyball	Bocce
Bowling	Cycling	Equestrian	Fitness	Floor Hockey
Floorball	Football (Soccer)	Futsal	Golf	Gymnastics, Artistic
Handball	MATP	Open Water Swimming	Power Lifting	Roller Skating
Sailing	Short Track Speed Skating	Snowshoeing	Swimming	Table Tennis
Tennis	Triathlon	Volleyball	Young Athletes	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Unified Champion Schools, Healthy Athletes, Healthy Community, Young Athletes Program.

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

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