



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 Participants:	1,273
Coaches:	185
Competitions:	22

GOAL:

To reach 1500 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
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Austria
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (15 athletes)
- 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
- 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games Dublin, Ireland
- 2002 Celebration of Special Olympics Greece 15 years in Athens
- 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games in North Carolina, USA (11 athletes)
- 1995 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Connecticut, USA

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

17 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Athletics	Badminton	Basketball	Bocce	Bowling
Cycling	Equestrian	Fitness	Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)
MATP	Power Lifting	Roller Skating	Short Track Speed Skating	Snowshoeing
Swimming	Table Tennis			

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Young Athletes

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