



**MISSION:**

Unleashing the energies and dreams of athletes through the Special Olympics Organization  
That all athletes with intellectual disabilities enjoy sports participation and competition  
For sport to be a bridge for comprehensive integration

**HISTORY:**

Founded in 1999

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2016 census):**

Registered Athletes:	3,281
Coaches:	355
Competitions:	66

**GOAL:**

To reach 3,500 athletes and participants

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games China
- 2009 Special Olympics Winter World Games Idaho, USA
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Greece
- 2019 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Abu Dhabi

**REGIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2008 6<sup>th</sup> MENA Regional Games, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- 2010 7<sup>th</sup> MENA Regional Games, Syria
- 2018 9<sup>th</sup> MENA Regional Games, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2020 1<sup>st</sup> Pan African Games Egypt

**13 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Athletics	Badminton	Basketball	Beach Volleyball	Bocce
Bowling	Fitness	Football (Soccer)	Open Water Swimming	Power Lifting
Swimming	Table Tennis	Volleyball		

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Healthy Athletes, Family Program

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