



MISSION:

To provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

HISTORY:

It started in 1994 as a committee and became a licensed program in 2002.

PARTICIPANTS:

Registered Athletes: 5,778
 Coaches: 453
 Competitions: 99

GOAL:

The goal of Special Olympics Syria is to empower individuals with intellectual disabilities through sports, fostering inclusion, and promoting awareness and acceptance in Syria.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2003 Special Olympics World SUMMER Games Ireland
- 2007 Special Olympics World SUMMER Games China
- 2011 Special Olympics World SUMMER Games Greece
- 2015 Special Olympics World SUMMER Games, Los Angeles, USA
- 2019 Special Olympics World SUMMER Games UAE
- 2023 Special Olympics World SUMMER Games Berlin
- 2005 Special Olympics World WINTER Games Japan
- 2013 Special Olympics World WINTER Games Korea
- 2017 Special Olympics World WINTER Games Austria

REGIONAL EVENTS:

- 2004 Special Olympics Regional Games Tunisia
- 2006 Special Olympics Regional Games Dubai
- 2008 Special Olympics Regional Games Abu Dhabi
- 2010 Special Olympics Regional Games Damascus
- 2014 Special Olympics Regional Games Egypt
- 2018 Special Olympics Regional Games Abu Dhabi

30 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Athletics	Cycling	Gymnastics Rhythmic	Short Track Speed Skating	Snow Showing
Badminton	Fitness	Handball	Swimming	Cross Country Skying
Basketball	Floor Hockey	Judo	Table Tennis	Equestrian
Beach volleyball	Floor ball	MATP	Tennis	Gymnastics Artistic
Bocce	Football (soccer)	Open water swimming	Triathlon	Roller Skating
Cross Country Running	Futsal	Power lifting	Volleyball	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Young athletes, family's activation, youth leader, athlete leaders and health program 

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