UNITED ARAB EMIRATES FACT SHEET

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 the sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

HISTORY:
Founded in 1990

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2021 census):
Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 1,547
Coaches: 696
Competition opportunities: 25

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:
• 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:
• 3rd MENA Regional Games in Beirut, Lebanon, 2002
• 4th MENA Regional Games in Tunis, Tunisia, 2004
• 5th MENA Regional Games in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 2006
• 6th MENA Regional games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 2008
• 7th MENA Regional Games in Damascus, Syria, 2010
• 7th MENA Regional Games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 2018

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OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:
Athlete Leadership - Unified Champion Schools - Healthy Athletes - Healthy Community - Young Athletes Program

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