



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 1990.

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2023 census):

Registered Athletes and Participants:	2,340
Coaches:	387
Competitions:	76

GOAL:

To reach 2550 athletes and participants by the end of 2024.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2023 Special Olympics World Summer Games Berlin, Germany
- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games Abu Dhabi, 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
- 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:

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Badminton	Basketball	Beach Volleyball
Bocce	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Cycling	Equestrian
Figure Skating	Floorball	Football (Soccer)	Futsal	Golf
Gymnastics, Artistic	Gymnastics, Rhythmic	Judo	MATP	Power Lifting
Roller Skating	Sailing	Short Track Speed Skating	Snowshoeing	Speedball

Swimming	Table Tennis	Tennis	Triathlon	Volleyball
Walking	Young Athletes			

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS: 

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

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

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