

**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 1975

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2017 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	25,699
Coaches:	2,115
Competitions:	154

SUPPORT:

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2019 Special Olympics World Games, Abu Dhabi
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Austria
- 2015 Special Olympics World Games, Los Angeles, USA
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Games, Athens, Greece

23 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics (Swimming)	Athletics	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Competitive Cheer	Cross Country Skiing
Cycling	Equestrian	Flag Football	Figure Skating
Football (Soccer)	Golf	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Gymnastics (Rhythmic)
Roller Skating (Speed & Artistic)	Powerlifting	Short Track Speed Skating	Softball
Swimming	Tennis	Volleyball	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Coaching Certification & Sport Specific Resources, Healthy Athletes, Healthy Communities, Young Athletes Program, Special Olympics Unified Championship Schools®, Unified University Intramural Sports, and Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)

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