

**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 1992 and officially registered in 1998

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2018 census):**

Registered athletes and Unified Teammates: 2,204  
 Coaches: 461  
 Competitions: 121

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2019 Special Olympics World Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE (8 athletes)
- 2015 Special Olympics World Games, Los Angeles, USA (4 athletes)
- 2010 Special Olympics Global Congress, Marrakech, Morocco
- 2007 Special Olympics World Games, Shanghai, China (19 delegates)
- 2003 Special Olympics World Games, Dublin, Ireland (9 athletes)
- 1999 Special Olympics World Games, North Carolina, USA (18 athletes)
- 1995 Special Olympics World Games, Connecticut, USA (6 athletes)

**6 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball
Cycling	Football (Soccer)	Volleyball

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership and Young Athletes

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGES:**

French and Fon

**EXECUTIVE STAFF:**

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