

**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 1991 and was accredited by Special Olympics, Inc., in 1992

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2016 census):**

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	11,032
Coaches:	1,073
Competitions:	1,125

**SUPPORT:**

Government (Ministry of Sports) SICFA Foundation, Defis & Strategies

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (65 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Athens, Greece (51 delegates)
- 2010 Special Olympics Global Congress, Marrakech, Morocco
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (34 delegates)
- 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Dublin, Ireland (16 athletes)
- 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games, North Carolina, USA (9 athletes)
- 1997 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Toronto, Canada
- 1995 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Connecticut, USA (17 athletes)
- 1993 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Salzburg, Austria

**11 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Football (Soccer)	Golf	Handball	Judo
Power Lifting	Table Tennis	Tennis	

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Family Health Forum, Healthy Athletes, Young Athletes, Youth Activation,

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGE:**

French

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