

**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:

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PARTICIPANTS (per 2019 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	552
Coaches:	120
Competitions:	6

MILESTONES:

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- 1976-1990 The staff and faculty of Chief Brodie Memorial School were the primary coordinators for the Guam Special Olympics programs. Mrs. Limtiaco, principal of the Chief Brodie at the time also served as the Chairperson of the Board.
- Beginning in 1983, Guam has sent a team to 4 International/World Summer Games.
- In 2006 Guam Special Olympics change its name to Special Olympics Guam (SOGU)
- Currently, SOGU provides year sports training in Bowling, Football (Soccer), Badminton, Softball, Athletics, and Aquatics to 500+ Special Olympics athletes and Unified Partners.
- 2016: Trench Challenge SOGU Team and KUAM Careforce joined together for the first Trench Mudder Event. Three athletes, 2 coaches and 6 staff from KUAM completed the 3-mile obstacle course. This raised funds for SOGU. Each year since we increased the number of teammates. In 2019 our SOGU team was made up of 7 Special Olympics athletes, 2 Unified Partners, a parent and coach. We are joined yearly by the KUAM (Media) Careforce team making our group 20 strong. We completed the 5-mile obstacle course in record time (for our group!)
- The Board of Directors consists of: the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. Along with the CEO, the Board Members are active in the day to day operation and delivery of our programs as well as policy makers.
- In 2019, SOGU, transferred regional affiliation from the Special Olympics North America (SONA) Region to the Special Olympics Asia Pacific (SOAP) region. This new partnership will allow SOGU better access to training for staff, coaches and athletes. New programs are being developed with financial and technical assistance from SOAP.

6 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Athletics (Track and Field)	Badminton	Bowling
Football (Soccer)	Softball	Swimming

PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS:

- KUAM CAREFORCE
- All Media Platform on Guam, Electronic & Printed Platforms.
- Ada's Trust and Investments
- Matson Navigation
- Guam Contractors Association
- Members of the US Armed Forces
- Local and military law enforcement
- Knights of Columbus
- iCare
- Micronesian Brokers Inc.
- Cost-u-less
- Guam Olive and Resort Spa
- Victoria Printing
- Adztech & Public Relations, Inc.
- Tu'Re Cafe
- Guam Friendship Golf Club
- ITC Building
- Guam Telephone Authority (GTA)
- Okkodo High School Stakeholders
- First Hawaiian Bank
- Bank of Guam
- Guam Reef Hotel
- Wyndham Properties
- Guam Football Association
- Guam Badminton Federation
- Guam Golf Federation
- Guam National Olympics Committee
- Guam Governor's Offices
- Government of Guam
- Archdiocese of Agana
- Guam Department of Education
- Guam International Trade Center
- Guam Medical Association
- Guam International Lion's Club, District 204
- Island Thunder Motorcycle Club
- Harley's Owners Group (HOG)
- Brotherhood of Veterans Motorcycle Club
- Cheluship Guahan Motorcycle Group
- Far East Equipment Company
- Cycles Plus
- Cars Plus
- JCT Rental (Johnny Cool)
- Fastenal Company, Guam
- McDonald's Guam
- AA Construction Enterprise

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