



**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 1987, Special Olympics Thailand is recognized as a National Sports Association registered under the Sports Authority of Thailand since 1991. The holding of SOT National Games is also stated in the National Policy of the Sports Authority of Thailand.

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

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 18,563  
 Coaches: 1,438  
 Competition opportunities: 33

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2 athletes participated in the 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea
- Participation in the Asia Pacific Games in Newcastle, Australia
- 32 athletes participated in the 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece
- Participation in the 2010 Special Olympics Global Congress in Marrakech, Morocco
- Participation in the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China

**9 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton
Basketball	Bocce	Cricket
Dance	Football	Table Tennis

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:**

Athlete Leadership, Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Young Athletes

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