

**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 1994

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2022 census):**

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	817
Coaches:	69
Competitions:	4

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2023 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Berlin, Germany (10 athletes)
- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi/Dubai (2 athletes)
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (6 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (21 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (9 athletes)

**OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Athletics	Basketball	Fitness
Football (Soccer)	Hiking	Karate
Swimming	Table Tennis	Tennis

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Unified Sports, Unified Schools, Unified Champion Schools, Healthy Communities, Family Health Forum

**EXECUTIVE STAFF:**

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