

**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 1986

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2019 census):**

Registered athletes and Unified partners:	4,106
Coaches:	800
Competitions:	85

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi, VAR (64 athletes and partners)
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Schladming/Graz, Austria (321 athletes)
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (78 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (63 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (120 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan (70 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (120 athletes)

**34 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton
Basketball	Basketball	Beach Volleyball	Bocce
Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Cycling	Equestrian
Figure Skating	Floor Hockey	Floorball	Football (Soccer)
Golf	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Gymnastics (Rhythmic)	Handball
Judo	Kayaking	Open Water Swimming	Power Lifting
Roller Skating	Sailing	Short Track Speed Skating	Snowboarding
Snowshoeing	Table Tennis	Tennis	Volleyball
Walking	Dance		

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Family Support Network (FSN), Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Young Athletes

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