

AUSTRIA FACT SHEET

Special Olympics



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 2024 census):

Registered athletes and Unified partners:	3,379
Coaches:	636
Competitions:	145

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2023 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Berlin Germany (74 athletes and partners)
- 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	Athletics	Badminton	Basketball
Beach Volleyball	Bocce	Bowling	Climbing
Cross Country Skiing	Cycling	Dance	Equestrian
Figure Skating	Floorball	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Handball	Judo	Kayaking	Open Water Swimming
Power Lifting	Roller Skating	Sailing	Short Track Speed Skating
Snowboarding	Snowshoeing	Stick Shooting	Swimming
Table Tennis	Tennis	Volleyball	Walking

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Family Support Network, Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Young Athletes, Unified Sports, Unified Schools, Unified Champion Schools, Healthy Communities, Healthy Athletes

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