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 2019 census):
Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 9,535
Coaches: 536
Competitions: 281

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:
• 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi, Austria (18 athletes)
• 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Schladming, Austria (8 athletes)
• 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (23 athletes)
• 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (13 athletes)
• 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan (4 athletes)
• 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (16 athletes)
• 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (6 athletes)

29 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

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OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:
Athlete Leadership, Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Unified Sports, Unified Schools, Unified Champions Schools

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