

**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 1988

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

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	1,618
Coaches:	135
Competitions:	16

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE, (41 athletes)
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Schladming, Austria (16 athletes)
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (16 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (4 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (4 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (8 athletes)

**OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Athletics	Badminton	Basketball	Bocce
Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Dance	Distance Running
Dodge Ball	Floorball	Football (Soccer)	Gymnastics (Artistic)
Gymnastics (Rhythmic)	Judo	Open Water Swimming	Swimming
Table Tennis	Triathlon		

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Young Athletes, Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Unified Sports, Unified Schools, Unified Champions Schools

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