ESTONIA 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 1988

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2023 census):
Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 1,112
Coaches: 86
Competitions: 18

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:
- 2023 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Berlin, Germany (32 athletes and partners)
- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE, (41 athletes)
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Schaldming, 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:

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Badminton	Basketball
Beach Volleyball	Bocce	Bowling	Cross Country Running
Cross Country Skiing	Cycling	Dance	Dodgeball
Fitness	Floorball	Football (Soccer)	Gymnastics (Artistic)
Gymnastics (Rhythmic)	Judo	Multisport	Open Water Swimming
Snowshoeing	Swimming	Table Tennis	Triathlon
Walking			

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:
Athlete Leadership, Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Young Athletes, Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Unified Sports, Unified Schools, Unified Champion Schools, Healthy Athletes

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