

**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 1990

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2022 census):**

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	2,040
Coaches:	241
Competitions:	137

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2023 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Berlin, Germany (65 athletes and partners)
- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE (71 athletes and partners)
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Graz/Schladming, Austria (34 athletes)
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (64 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (30 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (82 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan (23 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (69 athletes)

**OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Basketball	Beach Volleyball
Bowling	Cheerleading	Cross Country Skiing	Dance
Equestrian	Figure Skating	Fitness	Floorball
Football (Soccer)	Golf	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Gymnastics (Rhythmic)
Judo	Kayaking	Sailing	Snowboarding
Snowshoeing	Swimming	Table Tennis	Tennis
Triathlon	Volleyball	Tennis	

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

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

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