

**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 1991

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2019 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	5,393
Coaches:	357
Competitions:	266

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE (84 athletes and partners)
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Schladming, Austria (29 athletes)
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (40 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (22 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (62 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan (22 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (64 athletes)

OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton
Basketball	Boccia	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing
Cycling	Equestrian	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Gymnastics (Artistic)	Handball	Hockey	Judo
Kayaking	Petanque	Rugby	Sailing
Snowshoeing	Table Tennis	Tennis	Volleyball
Walking			

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Young Athletes, Unified Sports, Unified Schools

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