

**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 2022 census):**

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	4,720
Coaches:	670
Competitions:	54

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2023 Special Olympics World summer Games, Berlin, Germany (65 athletes and partners)
- 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	Archery	Athletics	Badminton
Baseball	Basketball	Boccia	Bowling
5-pin Bowling	Climbing	Cycling	Dance
Distance Running	Equestrian	Field Hockey	Fitness
Flying Disc	Football (Soccer)	Futsal	Golf
Gymnastics (Artistic)	Handball	Hiking	Hockey
Judo	Kayaking	Petanque	Sailing
Sailing	Snowshoeing	Swimming	Table Tennis
Tennis	Volleyball	Walking	

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

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

**EXECUTIVE STAFF:**

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