

**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, 14 Sub-Programs

UPCOMING MILESTONE:

Host of Special Olympics World Summer Games 2023

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2019 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	28,448
Coaches:	1,272
Competitions:	240

OVERARCHING GOALS:

1. Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)
2. Be an organization lead by athletes
3. Use SOWG 2023 in Germany to change to acceptance and participation of people with ID in Germany

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE (164 athletes and Unified partners)
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Schladming, Austria (72 athletes)
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (115 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (70 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (151 athletes)

OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Badminton	Basketball
Beach Volleyball	Bocce	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing
Cycling	Equestrian	Figure Skating	Floorball
Football (Soccer)	Golf	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Gymnastics (Rythmic)
Handball	Judo	Kayaking	Open Water Swimming
Power Lifting	Roller Skating	Sailing	Short Track Speed Skating
Snowboarding	Snowshoeing	Swimming	Table Tennis
Tennis	Volleyball		

HEALTHY ATHLETES: Number of screenings and consultations since 2004: 56.000

ATHLETE LEADERSHIP: 66 Athlete Leaders in 14 Leadership-Councils (2019)

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Family Support Network (FSN), Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Special Olympics Academy

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