

**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:	23,212
Coaches:	1,604
Competitions:	24

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2023 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Berlin, Germany (411 athletes and Unified partners)
- 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	Dance	Equestrian	Figure Skating
Floorball	Football (Soccer)	Golf	Gymnastics (Rhythmic)
Handball	Hockey	Judo	Kayaking
MATP	Open Water Swimming	Power Lifting	Roller Skating
Rowing	Sailing	Short Track Speed Skating	Snowboarding
Snowshoeing	Stick Shooting	Swimming	Table Tennis
Tennis	Triathlon	Volleyball	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Family Leadership, Unified Sports, Unified Schools, Special Olympics Academy, Youth Leadership, Healthy Athletes

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