

**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 1985

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2022 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	170
Coaches:	26
Competitions:	38

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2023 Special Olympics World summer Games, Berlin, Germany (26 athletes and partners)
- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE (19 athletes and partners)
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Schladming, Austria (14 athletes)
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (22 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (9 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (22 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan (16 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (17 athletes)

OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Athletics	Bocce	Bowling	Cycling
Equestrian	Floor Hockey	Floorball	Football (Soccer)
Golf	Open Water Swimming	Snowshoeing	Swimming

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

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