

**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 1978

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2019 census):**

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| Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: | 10,405 |
| Coaches:                                  | 2190   |
| Competitions:                             | 165    |

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE (127 athletes and partners)
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Schladming, Austria (21 athletes)
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles (112 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (156 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan (10 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (149 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (7 athletes)

**26 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

|                   |                                 |                       |  |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Alpine Skiing     | Aquatics (including Open Water) | Athletics             | Badminton                              |
| Basketball        | Bocce                           | Boccia                | Bowling                                |
| Cricket           | Cycling                         | Equestrian            | Figure Skating                         |
| Football (Soccer) | Golf                            | Gymnastics (Artistic) | Gymnastics (Rhythmic)                  |
| Indoor Bowls      | Judo                            | Kayaking              | Motor Activity Training Program (MATP) |
| Netball           | New Age Kurling                 | Power Lifting         | Sailing                                |
| Table Tennis      | Tennis                          |                       |  |

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Fit 5, Young Athletes, Play Unified and Unified Sports

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