

**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):

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)

27 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	Multisport	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

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

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

Mr. Paul Richardson, Chairman
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