

**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 2022 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	6,655
Coaches:	3,057
Competitions:	111

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2023 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Berlin, Germany (82 athletes and partners)
- 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)

OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Badminton	Basketball
Bocce	Boccia	Bowling	Cricket
Cycling	Equestrian	Figure Skating	Football (Soccer)
Golf	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Gymnastics (Rhythmic)	Hockey
Indoor (Bowls)	Judo	Kayaking	Multisport
Netball	New Age Kurling	Powerlifting	Sailing
Swimming	Table Tennis	Tennis	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Young Athletes, MATP, Unified Sports, Healthy Communities

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

Mr. Paul Richardson, Chairman
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