



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 1987

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2019 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 15,143
 Coaches: 1048
 Competitions: 97

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi/Dubai (65 athletes and partners)
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Schladming, Austria (14 athletes)
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (106 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (27 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (339 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan (24 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (98 athletes)

27 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton
Basketball	Bocce	Bowling	Cheerleading
Cross Country Skiing	Cycling	Dance	Distance Running
Equestrian	Football (Soccer)	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Gymnastics (Rhythmic)
Handball	Judo	Karate	Kayaking
Open Water Swimming	Power Lifting	Sailing	Snowshoeing
Table Tennis	Tennis	Volleyball	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Family Support Network (FSN), Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Young Athletes, Unified Sports, Unified Schools, Healthy Athletes

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