

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 2022 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	12,164
Coaches:	671
Competitions:	59

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2023 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Berlin, Germany (69 athletes and partners)
- 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)

OFFICIAL SPORTS:

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

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

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

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

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