Special Olympics

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 1989

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2022 census):
Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 3,632
Coaches: 390
Competitions: 131

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:
- 2023 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Berlin, Germany (77 athletes and partners)
- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE (41 athletes and partners)
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Schladming, Austria (33 athletes)
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (53 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (28 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (72 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan (37 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (64 athletes)

OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Badminton	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cycling	Figure Skating
Floorball	Football (Soccer)	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Handball
Judo	Power Lifting	Roller Skating	Short Track Speed Skating
Snowshoeing	Swimming	Table Tennis	Tennis

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:
Athlete Leadership, Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Young Athletes, Unified Sports, Unified Schools, Unified Champion Schools, Healthy Athletes, Family Health Forum

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