



**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 2019 census):**

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 2,238  
 Coaches: 140  
 Competitions: 22

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE (38 athletes and Unified partners)
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Graz/Schladming, Austria (4 athletes)
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (39 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (3 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (36 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan (1 athlete)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (32 athletes)

**15 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Badminton	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Dance
Equestrian	Figure Skating	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Gymnastics, Artistic	Gymnastics, Rhythmic	Judo	Powerlifting
Swimming	Table Tennis		

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Young Athletes, Unified Sports, Youth Leadership, Family Leadership, Unified Schools

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