

**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 1985

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2019 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	4,705
Coaches:	140
Competitions:	25

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE (27 athletes)
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Schladming, Austria (13 athletes)
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (36 athletes)
- 2014 Special Olympics European Summer games in Antwerp, Belgium (29 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece (84 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China (39 athletes)

OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball	Bowling	
Cycling	Equestrian	Floor Hockey	Floorball	Football (Soccer)
Gymnastics (Artistic)	Judo	Open Water Swimming	Snowshoeing	Table Tennis
Tennis	Walking			

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

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

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