

**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 2022 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	7,771
Coaches:	488
Competitions:	175

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2023 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Berlin, Germany (39 athletes and partners)
- 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:

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce	Bowling
Cycling	Floorball	Football (Soccer)	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Judo
Kayaking	Open Water Swimming	Snowshoeing	Swimming	Table Tennis
Tennis	Triathlon			

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

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

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

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