



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 1983

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2019 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	13785
Coaches:	1624
Competitions:	316

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE (114 athletes and partners)
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Schladming, Austria (34 athletes)
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (84 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea (32 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece (122 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Nagano, Japan (28 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China (89 athletes)

OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton
Basketball	Bocce	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing
Equestrian	Football (Soccer)	Golf	Gymnastics (Artistic)
Gymnastics (Rhythmic)	Open Water Swimming	Rowing	Rugby
Sailing	Snowboarding	Snowshoeing	Table Tennis
Tennis	Volleyball		

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Family Support Network (FSN), Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Young Athletes, Unified Sports, Unified Schools, Unified Champion Schools, Healthy Communities

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