



**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 2022 census):**

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 25,617  
 Coaches: 1,727  
 Competitions: 105

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2023 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Berlin, Germany (96 athletes and partners)
- 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	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 Athletes, Healthy Communities, Family Health Forum

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