

**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 2002

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2019 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	347
Coaches:	38
Competitions:	12

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2022 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Berlin, Germany (4 athletes)
- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE (4 athletes)
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Schladming, Austria (2 athletes)
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (2 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea (2 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece (4 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China (4 athletes)

OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Basketball	Bowling
Football (Soccer)			

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Unified Sports, Young Athletes, Family Health Forum, Unified Schools, Unified Champion Schools

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