

**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 1989

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2019 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	2,574
Coaches:	1,653
Competitions:	26

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE (14 athletes and partners)
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Schladming, Austria (20 athletes)
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (13 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea (5 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece (18 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China (12 athletes)

OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Athletics	Badminton	Basketball	Bocce
Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Distance Running	Table Tennis
Floorball	Football	Snowshoeing	Swimming

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Young Athletes, Unified Sports, Unified Schools

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