

**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 2022 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	3,019
Coaches:	134
Competitions:	36

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2023 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Berlin, Germany (20 athletes and partners)
- 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	Boccia
Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Distance Running	Floorball
Football (Soccer)	Snowshoeing	Swimming	Table Tennis

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Unified Sports, Unified Schools, Unified Champion Schools, Active Start

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