



MALTA FACT SHEET

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 2000

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2019 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	2679
Coaches:	85
Competitions:	36

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE (28 athletes and partners)
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (22 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece (38 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China (19 athletes)

OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Athletics	Bocce	Bowling	Cycling
Dance	Fitness	Floor Hockey	Football
FUNdamentals	Golf	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Hockey
Open Water Swimming	Swimming	Table Tennis	Triathlon

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

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

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