

**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 1997

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2022 census):**

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	935
Coaches:	47
Competitions:	81

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2023 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Berlin, Germany (38 athletes and partners)
- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE (11 athletes)
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Schladming, Austria (2 athletes)
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (7 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (2 athlete)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (15 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (11 athletes)

**OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Athletics	Badminton	Basketball	Bocce
Floorball	Football (Soccer)	Handball	Short Track Speed Skating
Swimming	Table Tennis	Tennis	Volleyball

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

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

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