

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 1985

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2019 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 16,513
Coaches: 2,856
Competitions: 256

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi/Dubai, UAE (64 athletes)
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Graz, Shladming/Ramsau, Styria, Austria (46 athletes)
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (60 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (41 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (81 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan (36 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (69 athletes)

26 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton
Basketball	Bocce	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing
Cycling	Equestrian	Floor Hockey	Floorball
Football (Soccer)	Golf	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Judo
Kayaking	Open Water Swimming	Power Lifting	Roller Skating
Sailing	Short Track Speed Skating	Snowshoeing	Table Tennis
Tennis		Volleyball	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Family Support Network (FSN),

Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Young Athletes, Healthy Communities, Unified Sports, Unified Schools

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