



PORTUGAL 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 1987

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2019 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	3708
Coaches:	221
Competitions:	68

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2019 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE (34 athletes and partners)
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (49 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece (33 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China (21 athletes)

OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Athletics	Basketball	Equestrian	
Football (Soccer)	Golf	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Gymnastics (Rhythmic)
Handball	Petanque	Swimming	Table Tennis

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Family Support Network (FSN), Young Athletes, Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Unified Sports, Unified Schools, Unified Champions Schools, Motor Activities Training Program (MATP)

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