

**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 1994

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2019 census):**

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 27,665  
 Coaches: 1,260  
 Competitions: 265

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE (34 athletes and partners)
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Graz, Austria (16 athletes)
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (22 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (10 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (27 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Idaho, USA (14 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (31 athletes)
- 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan (3 athletes)

**16 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics /Swimming	Athletics	Badminton
Basketball	Bocce	Cross Country Skiing	Figure Skating
Football (Soccer)	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Judo	Roller Skating
Snowshoeing	Speed Skating	Table Tennis	Tennis

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Youth Leadership, Family Support Network (FSN), Healthy Communities, Unified Schools, Unified Champion Schools, Unified Sports, Young Athletes

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