



**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 1992

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

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 19,498  
 Coaches: 2,175  
 Competitions: 1,230

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE (107 athletes and partners)
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Schladming, Austria (52 athletes)
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (73 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (28 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (109 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan (46 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (84 athletes)

**OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Badminton	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Cycling
Distance Running	Equestrian	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Gymnastics (Artistic)	Gymnastics (Rhythmic)	Handball	Hockey
Judo	Kayaking	Petanque	Sailing
Snowshoeing	Swimming	Table Tennis	Tennis

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Young Athletes

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