

**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 1982

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

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	4646
Coaches:	484
Competitions:	72

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE (11 athletes and partners)
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (8 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (3 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (93 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan (6 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (64 athletes)

**OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Athletics	Basketball	Bocce	Football (Soccer)
Swimming	Table Tennis	Volleyball	

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Unified Sports, Unified Schools, Young Athletes

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