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 2001

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2019 census):
Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 21,298
Coaches: 755
Competitions: 29

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:
• 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE (23 athletes and partners)
• 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Graz & Schladming, Austria (19 athletes)
• 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (20 athletes)
• 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea (12 athletes)
• 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece (19 athletes)
• 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Nagano, Japan (7 athletes)
• 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China (25 athletes)

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OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:
Athlete Leadership, Family Support Network (FSN), Young Athletes, Unified Schools, Unified Sports

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