

#### **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 1990 and was accredited by Special Olympics, Inc. that same year.

# PARTICIPANTS (per the 2016 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 49,070 Coaches: 3,037 Competitions: 133

## **INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (32 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (7 delegates)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (87 delegates)
- 2010 Special Olympics Global Congress in Marrakech, Morocco
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (88 delegates)

#### **15 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Cycling	Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Gymnastics (Rhythmic)
Judo	Open Water Swimming	Roller Skating	Short Track Speed Skating
Skating	Table Tennis	Tennis	

## **OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete leadership, Young Athletes, Unified Sports, Healthy Athletes

# **OFFICIAL LANGUAGE:**

Portuguese

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