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.

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2016 census):
Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 39,198
Coaches: 3,999
Competitions: 3,220

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:
• 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (198 athletes)
• 2013 World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea
• 2013 Pan American Tennis Tournament in Santa Cruz, Bolivia
• 2013 Copa de Oro Unified Football Tournament in San Jose, Costa Rica
• 2012 Special Olympics World Aquatics Meet in San Juan, Puerto Rico
• 2012 Special Olympics Central American and Caribbean Summer Games in Panama
• 2011 COPA AMERICA Unified Football Tournament, Asuncion, Paraguay
• 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece

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OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:
Athlete Leadership, Families, Healthy Athletes, Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Unified Sports, Volunteer Program, Youth Activation, Young Athletes

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