



**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: 26,903  
 Coaches: 560  
 Competitions: 230

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (39 athletes)
- 2013 COPA DE ORO Unified Football Tournament, San Jose, Costa Rica
- 2011 COPA AMERICA Unified Football Tournament, Asuncion, Paraguay
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece

**16 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Cycling	Distance Running	Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)
Gymnastics (Artistic)	Gymnastics (Rhythmic)	Handball	Open Water Swimming
Power Lifting	Table Tennis	Tennis	Triathlon

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Families, Healthy Athletes, Unified Sports, Volunteer Program, Young Athletes

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGES:**

Spanish

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