

### **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: 2,563 Coaches: 173 Competitions: 232

### **INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (35 athletes)
- 2013 COPA DE ORO Unified Football Tournament, 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 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece

### 10 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

10 OTTICIAL STORTS.			
Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Bowling	Football (Soccer)	Gymnastics (Rhythmic)	Table Tennis
Tennis	Volleyball		

### **OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Families, Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Unified Sports, Volunteer Program, Young Athletes

### **OFFICIAL LANGUAGES:**

Spanish

### **EXECUTIVE STAFF:**

Yolanda Eleta de Varela, Board Chair (507) 6614-0402 yolanda@eleta.org

**Sandra Sanchez,** National Director (507) 6112 5273 / (507) 221 5314 direccionejecutiva@olimpiadasespeciales.org.pa

## **SPECIAL OLYMPICS PANAMA**

Rio Abajo Via Cincuentenario Super Centro El Satelite, Local 9 Panama City, Panama

Email: oepanama@gmail.com

www.specialolympics.org Apr-23