



**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 2015 census):**

Registered athletes	18.341
Unified partners:	1.037
Coaches:	1.742
Competitions:	271
Subprograms:	19

*Distrito Capital, Altos Mirandinos, Bajos Mirandinos, Aragua – Colonia Tovar, Aragua – Maracay, Anzoátegui, Bolívar, Carabobo, Cojedes, Delta Amacuro, Libertador, Falcón, Lara, Nueva Esparta, Sucre, Zulia. Costa Occidental, Zulia. Costa Oriental, Zulia Guajira, Táchira*

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 1983 Louisiana, USA - World Summer Games. (18 athletes)
- 1987 Indiana, USA - World Summer Games. (25 athletes)
- 1991 Minnesota, USA - World Summer Games. (64 athletes)
- 1995 Connecticut, USA - World Summer Games. (55 athletes)
- 1997 Canada - winter. (18 athletes)
- 1999 North Carolina, USA - World Summer Games. (56 athletes)
- 2003 Dublin, Ireland - World Summer Games. (111 athletes)
- 2005 Nagano, Japan - World Winter Games. (23 athletes)
- 2006 San Salvador, El Salvador - I Latin American Games (12 athletes).
- 2007 Carabobo, Venezuela - South American Soccer Tournament (46 athletes)
- 2007 (October), Shanghai, China - World Summer Games. (92 athletes)
- 2008 (July), Jundiaí, Brazil - I Pan American Tennis Tournament (4 athletes)
- 2008 (November), San José, Costa Rica - I Central American and Caribbean Games (46 athletes)
- 2009 (February), Idaho, USA - World Winter Games (28 athletes)
- 2010 (February), San Juan, Puerto Rico - II Latin American Games (61 athletes).
- 2011 (July), Athens, Greece, World Summer Games (86 athletes)
- 2011 (November), Asunción, Paraguay - Copa América (10 athletes and 6 unified partners)
- 2012 (April), Panama City, Panama - II Central American and Caribbean Games (57 athletes)
- 2012 (September), San Juan, Puerto Rico - I Swimming World Cup (8 athletes)
- 2013 (February), Pyeong Chang, Korea - World Winter Games (30 athletes)
- 2013 (August), Santa Cruz, Bolivia - IV Pan American Tennis Tournament (7 athletes and 1 unified partner)
- 2015 (July), Los Angeles, USA - World Summer Games (80 OEV athletes and 14 unified partners).
- 2016 (April), City of Maldonado, Punta del Este, Uruguay - III Unified Copa América of Special Olympics (9 OEV athletes and 8 unified partners).
- 2017 (March), Cities: Graz, Schladming and Ramsau, from Austria - World Winter Games - (22 athletes).
- 2017 (April), Panama, Panama City - III Latin American Special Olympics Games - (55 athletes and 14 unified partners).
- 2018 (November), Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic - Special Olympics Tennis Invitational World Cup (2 athletes and 2 unified partners).
- 2019 (March), Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates - Special Olympics World Summer Games (9 athletes and 3 unified partners).



**24 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

aquatics	athletism	basketball	bocce
bowling	fitness	equestrian	Figure skating
Floor hockey	floorball	soccer	gimnastics (artistic)
gimnasia (rithmic)	open water swimming	Power lifting	short track speed skating
snowshoeing	table tennis	tennis	triathlon
volleyball	indoor football	dancing	MATP

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Families, Healthy Athletes, Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Research, Unified Sports, Volunteer Program, Youth Activation, Young Athletes.

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGES:**

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