

#### **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, Anozátegui, Bolivar, 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, Unified Arab Emirates Special Olympics World Summer Games (9 athletes and 3 unified partners)

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#### **24 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Aquatics	Athleticism	Basketball	Bocce
Bowling	Fitness	Equestrian	Figure Skating
Floor Hockey	Floorball	Football (Soccer)	Gymnastics (artistic)
Gymnastics (Rhythmic)	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:**

Spanish

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