

**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.

HISTORY:

Founded in 1970

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2021 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	14,850
Coaches:	2,951
Competitions:	195

SUPPORT:

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2019 Special Olympics World Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Graz, Austria
- 2015 Special Olympics World Games, Los Angeles, USA
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Games in Athens, Greece

19 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Aquatics (Swimming)	Athletics	Baseball	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cycling	Equestrian
Figure Skating	Flag Football	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Gymnastics (Rhythmic)	Powerlifting	Sailing	Short Track Speed Skating
Softball	Tennis	Volleyball	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Healthy Athletes, Young Athletes, Special Olympics Unified Sports®, Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), and Motor Activities Training Program (MATP)

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