

**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 2023 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	11,660
Coaches:	2,849
Competitions:	87
Volunteers:	3,000

SUPPORT:

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2023 Special Olympics World Games, Berlin, Germany
- 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, PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Games, Athens, Greece

20 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

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

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

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

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