

**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 1969

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2017 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	1,632
Coaches:	145
Competitions:	47

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

15 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics (Track & Field)	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Figure Skating
Floor Hockey	Golf	Gymnastics (artistic / rhythmic)	Motor Activities Training Program (MATP)
Powerlifting	Snowboarding	Snowshoeing	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Healthy Communities, Young Athletes, Special Olympics Unified Sports®, and Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR).

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