

**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 1975

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2023 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	16,157
Coaches:	650
Competitions:	481
Volunteers:	14,772

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 Luxembourg Invitational Football Tournament
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Austria
- 2016 Special Olympics USA-Mexico Unified Futbol Invitational Tournament
- 2015 Special Olympics World Games, Los Angeles, USA
- 2014 Special Olympics FIVB Unified Volleyball Invitational, Warsaw, Poland
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Games, Athens, Greece

22 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Badminton	Baseball
Basketball	Bocce	Bowling	Cheerleading
Cross Country Skiing	Dance	Flag Football	Floor Hockey
Floorball	Football (Soccer)	Golf	Powerlifting
Snowboarding	Snowshoeing	Softball	Stand-Up Paddleboard
Swimming	Volleyball		

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Special Olympics eSports, Fitness, AIA Unified Sports, Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Healthy LEAP, Under 8 Can't Wait, Special Olympics Unified Sports®, Young Athletes, Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools®, Unified Adaptive Physical Education

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