

**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 2022 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	14,258
Coaches:	560
Competitions:	229

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

20 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Badminton	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cheerleading	Cross Country Skiing
Equestrian	Flag Football	Floorball	Football (Soccer)
Golf	Powerlifting	Snowboarding	Snowshoeing
Softball	Swimming	Tennis	Volleyball

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

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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