



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 2024 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	19,500
Coaches:	6,000
Competitions:	245
Volunteers:	16,000

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
- 2015 Special Olympics World Games, Los Angeles, USA
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Games, Athens, Greece

16 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Athletics	Basketball	Bocce	Bowling	Cheerleading
Cycling	Flag football	Floorball	Floor Hockey	Golf
Powerlifting	Soccer	Softball	Swimming	Tennis
Volleyball				

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Healthy Communities, Young Athletes, Special Olympics Unified Sports®, Special Olympics Unified Champions Schools®, Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Fitness, Special Olympics eSports.

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