

# **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 the late 1970s

#### PARTICIPANTS (per the 2021 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	173
Coaches:	11
Competitions:	8

### **SUPPORT:**

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

#### **INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 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

# **12 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Athletics (Track & Field)	Bocce	Bowling	Cricket
Equestrian	Floor Hockey	Football	Golf
Open Water Swimming	Powerlifting	Table Tennis	Volleyball

#### **OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

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

#### **EXECUTIVE STAFF:**

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