

**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 1995

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2023 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	30,462
Coaches:	9,897
Competitions:	334
Volunteers:	21,070

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
- 2011 Special Olympics World Games, Athens, Greece

12 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Athletics	Basketball	Bocce	Bowling
Flag Football	Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Softball	Swimming	Tennis	Volleyball

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

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

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