



**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 1969

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2023 census):**

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	9,885
Coaches:	1,115
Competitions:	65
Volunteers:	8,906

**SUPPORT:**

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2023 Special Olympics World Games, Berlin, Germany
- 2019 Special Olympics World Games, Abu Dhabi
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Graz, Austria
- 2015 Special Olympics World Games, Los Angeles, USA
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Games, Athens, Greece

**13 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Athletics	Basketball	Bocce	Bowling
Cheerleading	Flag Football	Floorball	Football (Soccer)
Golf	Softball	Swimming	Tennis
Volleyball			

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Young Athletes, Special Olympics Unified Sports®, Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools®, Team Wellness, Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Families Program, Fitness.

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