



**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 2021 census):**

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 24,641  
 Coaches: 3,267  
 Competitions: 100

**SUPPORT:**

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2019 Special Olympics World Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 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

**21 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics (Swimming)	Athletics (Track & Field)	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Cycling
Figure Skating	Flag Football	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Gymnastics	Motor Activities	Powerlifting	Snowshoeing
Speed Skating	Snowboarding	Softball	Tennis
Volleyball			

**OTHER PROGRAMS:**

Training and Competitions, Special Olympics Unified Sports®, Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools®, Special Olympics College, Healthy Athletes, Healthy LEAP, Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Fitness Captains, R-Word Campaign, Athlete Leadership, Athlete Ambassadors, Young Athletes, Unified Juniors, Coach Development

**EXECUTIVE STAFF:**

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