



**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: 35,453  
 Coaches: 2,652  
 Competitions: 238  
 Volunteers: 10,582

**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
- 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

**20 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Cycling	Figure Skating
Flag Football	Football (Soccer)	Golf	Gymnastics, Artistic
Powerlifting	Short Track Speed Skating	Snowboarding	Snowshoeing
Softball	Swimming	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, Fitness, Special Olympics eSports.

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