

**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:	8,432
Coaches:	714
Competitions:	57

**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

**27 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics (Swimming)	Athletics (Track & Field)	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cheerleading	Croquet
Cross Country Skiing	Curling	Cycling	Figure Skating
Flag Football	Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Gymnastics (Artistic)	Long Distance Running	Powerlifting	Sailing
Snowboarding	Snowshoeing	Softball	Speed Skating
Tennis	Triathlon	Volleyball	

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Special Olympics Unified Sports® (offered in communities), Special Olympics Unified Sports® Administered by the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) (offered in schools), Project UNIFY, Young Athletes, Unified Sports Fitness Club, Healthy Athletes, Healthy Communities, Athlete Leadership, Law Enforcement Torch Run

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