



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 2022 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	12,615
Coaches:	1,279
Competitions:	

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

27 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

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