

**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:	14,467
Coaches:	1,606
Competitions:	380
Volunteers:	9,930

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

26 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Bowling	Corn Hole/Toss	Croquet	Cross Country Skiing
Curling	Cycling	Equestrian	Figure Skating
Flag Football	Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Gymnastics (Artistic)	Powerlifting	Sailing	Short Track Speed Skating
Snowboarding	Snowshoeing	Softball	Swimming
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, Fitness, Special Olympics eSports.

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