

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 1971

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2021 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	2,610
Coaches:	282
Competitions:	168

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

19 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics (Swimming)	Athletics (Track & Field)	Basketball	
Bocce	Bowling	Cycling	Figure Skating	
Flag Football	Football (Soccer)	Golf	Long Distance Running	
Nordic Skiing	Powerlifting	Roller Skating	Snow Shoeing	
Softball	Tennis	Volleyball		

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Young Athletes Program, Special Olympics Unified Sports®, and Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

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