


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 1970

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2023 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	20,374
Coaches:	3,586
Competitions:	427
Volunteers:	48,373

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 in Los Angeles, CA
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Games in Athens, Greece

28 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Badminton	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cheerleading	Cycling
Dance	Equestrian	Figure Skating	Flag Football
Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Golf	Gymnastics, Artistic
Gymnastics, Rhythmic	Kayaking	Powerlifting	Roller Skating
Sailing	Short Track Speed Skating	Snowboarding	Softball
Swimming	Table Tennis	Tennis	Volleyball

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools, Special Olympics Unified Sports®, Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Young Athletes, Pickleball.

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