

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 1968

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2021 census):

Registered athletes and Unified partners: 4,980 Coaches: 700 Competitions: 19

Support:

Recipient of government, foundation, corporate and individual funding

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2019 Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- 2015 Special Olympics World Games in Las Angeles, California

10 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

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Aquatics *	Athletics *	Basketball *	Bocce *
Bowling *	Flag Football - Unified	Football (Soccer)	Golf – Hawaii Island only
Powerlifting	Softball *	*Indicates traditional and Unified sports	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

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

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

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