

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: 4,653 Coaches: 1,101 Competitions: 141

SUPPORT:

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi
- 2018 Special Olympics USA Games, Seattle, Washington, USA
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Austria
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece

18 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Bowling	Equestrian	Flag Football	Floor Hockey
Football (Soccer)	Golf	Artistic Gymnastics	Rhythmic Gymnastics
Powerlifting	Snowshoeing	Softball	Swimming
Tennis	Volleyball		

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, eSports, Healthy Athletes, Young Athletes, Unified Champion Schools, Special Olympics Unified Sports, and Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)

EXECUTIVE TEAM:

Ms. Brook Klawitter, Board Chair Mr. Dave Breen, President and CEO

Ms. Colleen Costello, Athlete Leader and Board Member Ms. Zinyra Ross, Athlete Leader and Board Member

Mr. Caleb Busick, Athlete Leader and Board Member

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