



**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 2021 census):**

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 1,843  
 Coaches: 582  
 Competitions: 21

**SUPPORT:**

Funded primarily by donations, foundations and grants, special events, and proceeds from the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Kansas

**RECENT 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

**20 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics (Swimming)	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Bowling	Cheerleading	Cross Country Skiing	Cycling	Figure Skating
Flag Football	Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Golf	Powerlifting
Snowshoeing	Speed Skating	Softball	Tennis	Volleyball

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Fitness Challenge, Young Athletes, Special Olympics Unified Sports®, Special Olympics Unified Champions Schools® and Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR).

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