

**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:	5,919
Coaches:	1,254
Competitions:	93
Volunteers:	2,991

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:

- 2023 Special Olympic 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, Los Angeles, USA
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Games, Athens, Greece

16 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce	Bowling
Cheerleading	Cycling	Flag Football	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Powerlifting	Snowshoeing	Softball	Swimming	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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