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: 7,492
Coaches: 397
Competitions: 23

SUPPORT:
Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:
• 2019 Special Olympics World Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE
• Hosted 1983 Special Olympics World Summer Games

15 OFFICIAL SPORTS:
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OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:
Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Healthy Communities, Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools®, Special Olympics Unified Sports®, STRIVE, Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Young Athletes

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