

**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 2023 census):**

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	8,366
Coaches:	1,947
Competitions:	79
Volunteers:	3,700

**SUPPORT:**

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2023 Special Olympics World Games, Berlin, Germany
- 2019 Special Olympics World Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Hosted 1983 Special Olympics World Summer Games

**12 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Athletics	Basketball	Bocce	Bowling
Flag Football	Golf	Powerlifting	Sailing
Softball	Swimming	Tennis	Volleyball

**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, Fitness.

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