

#### **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: 4,863
Coaches: 727
Competitions: 96
Volunteers: 1,394

# **SUPPORT:**

Recipient of corporate and individual funding

#### **INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

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

# 19 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

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Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Bowling	Cheerleading	Equestrian	Flag Football
Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Golf	Sailing
Short Track Speed Skating	Snowshoeing	Softball	Swimming
Tennis	Volleyball		

# **OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Special Olympics Unified Sports®, Special Olympics Unified Champion School®, Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Young Athletes, Fitness.

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