



**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:	7,938
Coaches:	921
Competitions:	85

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2019 Special Olympics World Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Graz, Austria

**20 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Aquatic (Swimming)	Athletics	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cheerleading	Cycling
Distance Running	Flag Football	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Kayaking	Motor Activities Training Program	Powerlifting	Snowshoeing
Softball	Strength and Conditioning	Tennis	Unified Sports

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Healthy Communities, Young Athletes, Special Olympics Unified Sports®, and Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)

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