



**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:	19,871
Coaches:	1,032
Competitions:	551
Volunteers:	5,906

**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

**23 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Bowling	Cheerleading	Cross Country Skiing	Cycling
Dance	Equestrian	Figure Skating	Flag Football
Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Golf	Kayaking
Powerlifting	Sailing	Snowshoeing	Softball
Swimming	Tennis	Volleyball	

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

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

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