



**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 1971

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2017 census):**

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 15,314  
 Coaches: 1200  
 Competitions: 296

**SUPPORT:**

Recipient of individual, corporate, and government funding

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2019 Special Olympics World Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Graz, Austria
- 2015 Special Olympics World Games, Los Angeles, USA
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Games, Athens, Greece

**23 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Aquatics(Swimming)	Basketball	Bocce	Bowling
Cycling	Equestrian	Figure Skating	Football (Soccer)
Flag Football	Floor Hockey	Golf	Gymnastics
Horseshoes	Powerlifting	Roller Skating	Sailing
Skiing	Snowboarding	Softball	Speed Skating
Tennis	Track & Field	Volleyball	

**OTHER PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Fit 5/B-Fit in conjunction with the Boston Bruins Foundation, Young Athletes, Special Olympics Unified Sports®, Special Olympics Unified Champions Schools®, and Law Enforcement Torch Run.

**EXECUTIVE STAFF:**

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