



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 2023 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	16,218
Coaches:	1,189
Competitions:	948
Volunteers:	8,943

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

22 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Bowling	Cheerleading	Cycling	Equestrian
Figure Skating	Flag Football	Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)
Golf	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Powerlifting	Roller Skating
Sailing	Short Track Speed Skating	Softball	Swimming
Tennis	Volleyball		

OTHER DEVELOPMENT 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.

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