

**MISSION:**

Special Olympics Minnesota offers children and adults with intellectual disabilities year-round sports training and competition. Through Special Olympics' athletic, health and leadership programs, people with intellectual disabilities transform themselves, their communities and the world.

HISTORY:

Founded in 1973

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2023 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	7,425
Coaches:	2,014
Competitions:	53
Volunteers:	3,552

SUPPORT:

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2023 Special Olympics World Games, Berlin, Germany
- 2019 Special Olympics World Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2015 Special Olympics World Games, Los Angeles, USA
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Games, Athens, Greece

15 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce	Bowling
Equestrian	Flag Football	Golf	Gymnastics	Powerlifting
Snowboarding	Snowshoeing	Softball	Swimming	Tennis

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Healthy Communities, SOFit, Fit5, Young Athletes, Special Olympics Unified Sports®, Special Olympics Unified Champions Schools® and Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Fitness.

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