

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 1975

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2021 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 628
Coaches: 77
Competitions: 12

SUPPORT:

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2015 Special Olympics World Games, Los Angeles, USA
- 2011 Special Olympics World Games, Athens, Greece

18 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Aquatics (Swimming)	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce	Bowling
Canoeing	Cheerleading	Croquet	Equestrian	Flag Football
Football (Soccer)	Golf	Horseshoes	Powerlifting	Sailing
Softball	Tennis	Volleyball		

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

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

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