



**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 1972

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

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 5,557  
 Coaches: 644  
 Competitions: 65

**Support:**

Recipient of government, corporate and individual 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

**19 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics (Swimming)	Athletics	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Equestrian
Flag Football	Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Gymnastics (Artistic)	Powerlifting	Roller Skating	Snowshoeing
Softball	Tennis	Volleyball	

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

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

**EXECUTIVE STAFF:**

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