



**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: 4,445  
 Coaches: 770  
 Competitions: 518

**SUPPORT:**

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 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

**18 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics (Swimming)	Athletics	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling (Candlepin)	Bowling (Tenpin)	Cross Country Skiing
Equestrian	Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Powerlifting	Snowboarding	Snowshoeing	Softball
Triathlon	Volleyball		

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Global Messenger Program, Healthy Athletes, Young Athletes, Special Olympics Unified Sports®, and Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)

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