

**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 1970

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2023 census):**

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	48,899
Coaches:	5,818
Competitions and competitive events:	2,042
Volunteers:	20,675

**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
- 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

**24 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Cycling	Equestrian
Figure skating	Flag Football	Floor Hockey	Floorball
Golf	Gymnastics, Artistic	Handball	Powerlifting
Roller Skating	Short Track Speed Skating	Snowboarding	Snowshoeing
Softball	Swimming	Tennis	Volleyball

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Healthy Communities, Young Athletes, Special Olympics Unified Sports®, Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Fitness, Special Olympics eSports.

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