

**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:	5,406
Coaches:	458
Competitions:	85
Volunteers:	3,950

**SUPPORT:**

Recipient of foundations, corporate and individual funding

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2015 Special Olympics World Games, Los Angeles
- 2011 Special Olympics World Games, Athens
- 2007 Special Olympics World Games, China
- 2003 Special Olympics World Games, Ireland

**12 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine skiing	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Bowling	Equestrian	Flag Football	Football (Soccer)
Golf	Softball	Swimming	Volleyball

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Young Athletes, Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools®, Special Olympics Unified Sports®, and Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Fitness, Special Olympics eSports.

**EXECUTIVE STAFF:**

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