



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:

Special Olympics North Carolina sent six athletes to the first Special Olympics International Games in 1968. The first competition held in North Carolina took place in 1970.

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2020 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 50,844
 Coaches: 1,450
 Competitions: 484

SUPPORT:

Recipient of foundations, 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

20 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics (Swimming)	Athletics	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cheerleading	Cycling
Equestrian	Flag Football	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Ice Skating (Figure & Speed)	Motor Activities	Powerlifting	Roller Skating
Sailing	Softball	Tennis	Volleyball

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

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

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