



## 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:

- Registered athletes and Unified partners: 34,387
- Coaches: 2,326
- Competitions: 526

## SUPPORT:

Recipient of foundations, government funding, corporate and individual funding

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- Special Olympics World Winter Games Turin 2025
- Special Olympics World Games Berlin 2023
- Special Olympics World Games Abu Dhabi 2019
- Special Olympics World Winter Games Austria 2017
- Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles 2015
- Special Olympics World Winter Games PyeongChang 2013
- Special Olympics World Games Athens 2011

## 20 SPORTS OFFERED

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|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| • Alpine skiing | • Cheerleading   | • Gymnastics                | • Soccer     |
| • Athletics     | • Cycling        | • Powerlifting              | • Softball   |
| • Basketball    | • Equestrian     | • Rollerskating             | • Swimming   |
| • Bocce         | • Figure skating | • Short track speed skating | • Tennis     |
| • Bowling       | • Golf           | • Snowboarding              | • 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)

## YOUTH-BASED INITIATIVES:

- Unified Champion Schools: 580 registered schools
- Special Olympics College Clubs: 15
- Inclusive Youth Leadership experiences: 630
- Statewide Inclusive Youth Leadership experiences: 4

## EXECUTIVE STAFF:

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