



**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 2023 census):**

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	864
Coaches:	153
Competitions:	69
Volunteers:	2,967

**SUPPORT:**

Recipient of 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
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, 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

**15 SPORTS:**

Athletics	Basketball	Bocce	Bowling
Cheerleading	Cross Country Skiing	Flag Football	Floor Hockey
Football (Soccer)	Powerlifting	Snowshoeing	Swimming
Volleyball	Speed Skating	Volleyball	

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

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

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