



**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 2021 census):**

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 2,807  
 Coaches: 4,277  
 Competitions: 20

**SUPPORT:**

Recipient of government, 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

**15 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Aquatics (Swimming)	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Bocce	Bowling	Equestrian	Flag Football
Football (Soccer)	Golf	Horseshoes	Motor Activities Programs
Powerlifting	Softball	Volleyball	

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

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

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