



**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 2021 census):**

Athletes: 13,151  
 Coaches: 1,703  
 Competitions: 334

**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
- 2017 World Winter Games, Graz, Schladming and Ramsau, Austria
- 2015 Special Olympic World Games, Los Angeles, USA
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Games, Athens, Greece

**23 OFFICIAL AND EMERGING SPORTS\*:**

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics (Swimming)	Athletics	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Equestrian
Figure Skating	Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Flag Football
Golf	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Gymnastics (Rhythmic)	Powerlifting
Roller Skating	Snowboarding	Snowshoeing	Softball
Speed Skating	Tennis	Volleyball	

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

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

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