



**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 1968

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2023 census):**

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	3,758
Coaches:	279
Competitions:	968
Volunteers:	3,144

**SUPPORT:**

Recipient of government, 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
- 2015 Special Olympics World Games, Los Angeles, USA
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Games, Athens, Greece

**19 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Bowling	Croquet	Cross Country Skiing	Cycling
Dance Sport	Flag Football	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Powerlifting	Snowboarding	Snowshoeing	Softball
Swimming	Tennis	Volleyball	

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Young Athletes, Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools® (Cross Country Running, Basketball and Volleyball), Special Olympics Unified Sports®, Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Walking/Running Clubs and Unified Croquet, Motor Activities Training Program (MATP).

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