

**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 the late 1981

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2017 census):**

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	298
Coaches:	14
Competitions:	1

**SUPPORT:**

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2019 Special Olympics World Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2015 Special Olympics World Games, Los Angeles, USA (26 athletes)
- 2003 World Games Dublin, Ireland (20 athletes)
- 1999 Games were held in Raleigh Durham, North Carolina
- 1997 World Winter Games York, Canada
- 1995 World Games New Haven, Connecticut
- 1993 International Winter Games in Salzburg, Austria (12 athletes)
- 1987 International Games South Bend Indiana, USA (15 athletes)

**6 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Aquatics (Swimming)	Athletics	Bocce
Football (Soccer)	Floor Hockey	Tennis

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Young Athletes

**EXECUTIVE STAFF:**

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