



**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 2021 census):**

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 11,979  
 Coaches: 2,508  
 Competitions: 18

**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 Special Olympics World 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

**26 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics (Swimming)	Athletics	Badminton
Basketball	Bocce	Bowling	Cheerleading
Disc Golf	Equestrian	Flag Football	Football (Soccer)
Golf	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Gymnastics (Rhythmic)	Kayaking
Powerlifting	Roller Skating	Sailing	Snowboarding
Softball	Stand-Up Paddleboard	Table Tennis	Team Handball
Tennis	Volleyball		

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

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

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