



MISSION:

The mission of Special Olympics Texas is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics Texas athletes and the community.

HISTORY:

Founded in 1969

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2017 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 96,089
 Coaches: 12,223
 Competitions: 377

SUPPORT:

Recipient of corporate, grant 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

22 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Aquatics (Swimming)	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Bowling	Cycling	Equestrian	Figure Skating
Flag Football	Football (Soccer)	Golf	Gymnastics
Kayaking	Powerlifting	Roller Skating	Sailing
Softball	Table Tennis	Tennis	Track and Field
Triathlon	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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