



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 1971

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2016 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 1,803
 Coaches: 369
 Competitions: 50

SUPPORT:

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- Participated in the 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece
- Participated in the 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea
- Participated in the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Los Angeles, CA USA
- Hosted 2017 Special Olympics USA Training Camp for the 2018 Special Olympics World Winter Games

12 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Snowboarding	Snowshoeing	Softball	Swimming

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Young Athletes, Unified Champion Schools, and Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

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