

### **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 2023 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	2,556
Coaches:	282
Competitions:	180
Volunteers:	650

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

### **13 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

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

# **OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

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

## **EXECUTIVE STAFF:**

Mr. Jay Nunn, Board Chair

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