



**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 1975

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2023 census):**

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	12,175
Coaches:	1,339
Competitions:	113
Volunteers:	8,092

**SUPPORT:**

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2023 Special Olympics World Games, Berlin, Germany
- 2019 Special Olympics World Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Graz and Schladming, 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

**21 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Bowling	Cheerleading	Cross Country Skiing	Cycling
Figure Skating	Flag Football	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Gymnastics, Artistic	Powerlifting	Short Track Speed Skating	Snowboarding
Snowshoeing	Softball	Swimming	Tennis
Volleyball			

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

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

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