

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: 1,331
Coaches: 204
Competitions: 8

SUPPORT:

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2015 Special Olympics World Games, Los Angeles, USA
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Games, Athens, Greece

32 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

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Alpine Skiing	Aquatics (Swimming)	Athletics	Badminton
Basketball	Bocce	Bowling	Cricket
Cross Country Skiing	Cycling	Equestrian	Figure Skating
Floorball	Floor Hockey	Football	Golf
Gymnastic (Artistic and Rhymthic)	Handball	Judo	Kayaking
Motor Activity	Netball	Powerlifting	Roller Skating
Sailing	Short Track Speed Skating	Snowshoeing	Softball
Table Tennis	Tennis	Triathlon	Volleyball

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

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

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

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