



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 1972

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2021 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 14,315
 Coaches: 1,707
 Competitions: 40

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

19 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics (Swimming)	Athletics	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Floorball
Football (Soccer)	Golf	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Gymnastics (Rhythmic)
Powerlifting	Snowboarding	Snowshoeing	Softball
Tennis	Volleyball	Sailing	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

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

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