



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 2023 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	14,789
Coaches:	2,196
Competitions:	108
Volunteers:	4,823

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, 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

18 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

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

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

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

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