

**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 2025 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	13,859
Coaches:	2,715
Competitions:	127
Volunteers:	5,564

SUPPORT:

Recipient of grants, government, corporate and individual funding

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2025 Special Olympics World Games, Turin, Italy
- 2023 Special Olympics World Games, Berlin, Germany
- 2019 Special Olympics World Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Graz, Austria
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Games in Athens, Greece

19 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Basketball Skills	Bocce	Bowling
Cornhole	Cross Country Skiing	Flag Football	Golf
Half-Court 3-on-3 Basketball	Powerlifting	Soccer	Softball & Tee Ball
Snowboarding	Snowshoe Racing	Swimming	Team Basketball
Tennis	Track & Field	Volleyball	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Rosemary Collaboratory, Project All-Star, Inclusive Health, Young Athletes, Special Olympics Unified Sports®, and Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), and Fitness.

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