



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 1973

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2020 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	2,256
Coaches:	544
Young Athletes:	221
Competitions:	20

SUPPORT:

Special events, corporate and individual funding

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2019 Special Olympics World Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Graz, Austria
- 2015 Special Olympics World Games, Los Angeles, USA
- 2011 Special Olympics World Games in Athens, Greece
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea

16 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics (Swimming)	Athletics	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cross County Skiing	Cycling
Equestrian	Football (Soccer)	Golf	Powerlifting
Snowboarding	Snowshoeing	Softball	Tennis

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

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

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