

#### 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 2023 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 1,099
Coaches: 146
Competitions: 18
Volunteers: 2,000

#### **SUPPORT:**

Special events, 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
- 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	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Cycling	Equestrian
Football (Soccer)	Golf	Powerlifting	Snowboarding
Snowshoeing	Softball	Swimming	

## **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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