



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 1975

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2017 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 17,000
 Coaches: 1,779
 Competitions: 157

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 and Schladming, Austria
- 2015 Special Olympics World Games, Los Angeles, USA
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Games, Athens, Greece

23 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics (Swimming)	Athletics	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cheerleading	Cross Country Skiing
Cycling	Distance Running	Figure Skating	Flag Football
Football (Soccer)	Golf	Gymnastics	Powerlifting
Short Track Speed	Snowboarding	Snowshoeing	Softball
Stand Up Paddle	Tennis	Volleyball	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

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

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