

**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 1986

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2015 census):

Registered athletes and Unified partners:	15,758
Coaches:	3,259
Competitions:	306

SUPPORT:

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea

22 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Aquatics	Athletics	Baseball	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cycling	Equestrian
Figure Skating	Flag Football	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Gymnastics (Rhythmic)	Golf	Power Lifting	Sailing
Short Track Speed Skating	Softball	Tennis	Volleyball

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Healthy Athletes, Young Athletes, Project UNIFY, Special Olympics Unified Sports, and Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Motor Activities Training Program (MATP)

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