

**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):

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| Registered athletes and Unified partners: | 10,300 |
| Coaches: | 1,581 |
| Competitions: | 150 |

GOAL:

To organize a successful World Winter Games in 2017

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (78 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (63 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (120 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan (70 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (120 athletes)

33 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

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| Alpine Skiing | Aquatics | Athletics | Badminton |
| Basketball | Basketball | Beach Volleyball | Bocce |
| Bowling | Cross Country Skiing | Cycling | Equestrian |
| Figure Skating | Floor Hockey | Floorball | Football (Soccer) |
| Golf | Gymnastics (Artistic) | Gymnastics (Rhythmic) | Handball |
| Judo | Kayaking | Open Water Swimming | Power Lifting |
| Roller Skating | Sailing | Short Track Speed Skating | Snowboarding |
| Snowshoeing | Table Tennis | Tennis | Volleyball |
| Walking | | | |

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Family Support Network (FSN), Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Young Athletes

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