

**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 1990

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2015 census):

Registered athletes and Unified partners:	11,589
Coaches:	298
Competitions:	37

GOAL:

To reach 12,200 athletes and participants by the end of 2015

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (12 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (9 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (20 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (35 athletes)

11 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton	Basketball
Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Handball	Judo
Power Lifting	Table Tennis	Volleyball	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Young Athletes

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

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