



**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 1979

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2015 census):**

Registered athletes and Unified partners:	10,963
Coaches:	2,000
Competitions:	20

**GOAL:**

Broaden the scope of Special Olympics Belgium resulting in a fully developed programme of sports and non-sports activities taking place throughout each year.

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (68 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (20 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (64 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan (15 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (68 athletes)

**24 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton
Basketball	Basketball	Bocce	Bowling
Cross Country Skiing	Cycling	Equestrian	Floor Hockey
Floorball	Football (Soccer)	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Gymnastics (Rhythmic)
Judo	Netball	Sailing	Snowboarding
Snowshoeing	Table Tennis	Tennis	Triathlon

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Young Athletes

**EXECUTIVE STAFF:**

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