



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 1994

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2015 census):

Registered athletes and Unified partners:	7,321
Coaches:	498
Competitions:	165

GOAL:

Special Olympics Bulgaria aims to provide consistent sports training and over 100 competitions annually to athletes with intellectual disabilities with a focus on developing activities in partnership with local communities, sports federations and universities

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (23 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (13 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan (4 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (16 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (6 athletes)

27 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton
Basketball	Bocce	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing
Cycling	Dodge Ball	Equestrian	Fitness
Floorball	Football (Soccer)	Golf	Gymnastics (Artistic)
Judo	Kayaking	Power Lifting	Roller Skating
Rowing	Sailing	Snowshoeing	Table Tennis
Tennis	Volleyball	Walking	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Motor Activities Training Program (MATP)

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