



**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 1985

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

Registered athletes and Unified partners:	1,494,783
Coaches:	75,517
Competition opportunities:	6,660

**GOAL:**

To reach 1,232,716 athletes by the end of 2016

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (91 athletes)
- Host of the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China

**34 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

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

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Family Support Network (FSN), Healthy Athletes, Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Young Athletes, Youth Activation

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