



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 1969

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2016 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 17,887
 Coaches: 1,200
 Competitions: 399

SUPPORT:

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece

23 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cheerleading	Cross Country Skiing
Cycling	Figure Skating	Flag Football	Football (Soccer)
Golf	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Gymnastics (Rhythmic)	Power Lifting
Short Track Speed Skating	Skating	Snowboarding	Snowshoeing
Softball	Tennis	Volleyball	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Young Athletes Program, Project UNIFY, Special Olympics Unified Sports, Red Shirt Rookies and Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)

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