

**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 1992

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2015 census):

Registered athletes and Unified partners:	1,343
Coaches:	301
Competitions:	23

GOAL:

Special Olympics Croatia aims to provide consistent sports training and at least 14 competitions annually in a variety of sports to athletes with intellectual disabilities while promoting benefits of Special Olympics to the wider community

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (22 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (17 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (20 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan (6 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (18 athletes)

16 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Bocce
Bowling	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Cycling
Figure Skating	Floorball	Football (Soccer)	Roller Skating
Short Track Speed Skating	Snowshoeing	Table Tennis	Volleyball

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Unified Sports

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

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