



**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 1995

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2016 census):**

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	39,861
Coaches:	1,886
Competition opportunities:	432

**GOAL:**

To reach 35,000 athletes and participants by the end of 2016

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2015 Special Olympic World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (61 athletes)
- 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan (4 athletes)
- 2004 Special Olympics Greece Invitational Games, Rhodes, Greece (16 athletes)
- 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Dublin, Ireland (72 athletes)
- 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Alaska, USA (20 athletes)
- 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games, North Carolina, USA(36 athletes)
- 1995 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Connecticut, USA(26 athletes)
- 1991 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Minnesota, USA

**REGIONAL EVENTS:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> MENA Regional Games in Cairo, Egypt, 1999
- 2<sup>nd</sup> MENA Regional Games in Rabat, Morocco, 2000
- 3<sup>rd</sup> MENA Regional Games in Beirut, Lebanon, 2002
- 4<sup>th</sup> MENA Regional Games in Tunis, Tunisia, 2004
- 5<sup>th</sup> MENA Regional Games in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 2006
- 6<sup>th</sup> MENA Regional Games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 2008
- 7<sup>th</sup> MENA Regional Games in Damascus, Syria, 2010

**18 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cycling	Equestrian
Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Handball
Open Water Swimming	Power Lifting	Snowshoeing	Table Tennis
Tennis			

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership and Young Athletes

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