



**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: 13,056  
 Coaches: 2,356  
 Competitions: 2,872

**SUPPORT:**

Contributions and Grants (68%), Special Events (24%), Investment Income (6%), Other (2%)

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Graz and Schladming, Austria
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, California, USA
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece

**27 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Equestrian	Powerlifting	Tennis
Ballroom Dancing	Figure Skating	Snowboarding	Track & Field
Basketball	Flag Football	Snowshoeing	Triathlon
Bocce	Golf	Soccer	Volleyball
Bowling	Gymnastics	Softball	
Corn Toss	Horseshoes	Speed Skating	
Cycling	Motor Activities	Swimming	

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Young Athletes Program, Unified Champion Schools, Champions Together, Special Olympics Unified Sports, and Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)

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