



**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 1970

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

Registered athletes and Unified partners: 8,440  
 Coaches: 1,960  
 Competitions: 554

**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 in PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece

**15 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cheerleading	Equestrian
Flag Football	Football (Soccer)	Golf	Gymnastics (Artistic)
Gymnastics (Rhythmic)	Snowshoeing	Softball	

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Project UNIFY, Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Young Athletes

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