



**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 1989

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

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	9,562
Coaches:	743
Competition opportunities:	120

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (13 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Boise, Idaho, USA (2 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (34 athletes)
- 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan (12 athletes)
- 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Dublin, Ireland (27 athletes)
- 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Alaska, USA (16 athletes)
- 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games, North Carolina, USA (27 athletes)
- 1997 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Canada (14 athletes)
- 1995 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Connecticut, USA (20 athletes)
- 1993 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Salzburg, Austria (4 athletes)
- 1991 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Minnesota, USA (14 athletes)

**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

**19 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton
Basketball	Bocce	Bowling	Cycling
Equestrian	Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Handball
Open Water Swimming	Power Lifting	Roller Skating	Snowshoeing
Table Tennis	Tennis	Volleyball	

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Motor Activities Training Program (MATP)

**EXECUTIVE STAFF:**

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