

**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 2015 census):**

Registered athletes and Unified partners:	2,891
Coaches:	78
Competitions:	2,660

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (13 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea (5 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece (18 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China (12 athletes)

**11 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Floor Hockey	Floorball
Football (Soccer)	Open Water Swimming	Table Tennis	

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)

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