

**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 1997

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

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	3,910
Coaches:	66
Competition opportunities:	25

**GOAL:**

To reach 3,100 athletes and participants by the end of 2015

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 4 athletes participated in the 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games in North Carolina, USA
- 2 athletes participated in the 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Alaska, USA

**REGIONAL EVENTS:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> MENA Regional Games, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 2006

**4 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Athletics	Football (Soccer)	Handball	Snowshoeing
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**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership

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