



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 1968

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2015 census):

Registered athletes and Unified partners:	28,995
Coaches:	1,921
Competitions:	685

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

24 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Cycling
Figure Skating	Flag Football	Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)
Golf	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Gymnastics (Rhythmic)	Handball
Horseshoes	Power Lifting	Roller Skating	Short Track Speed Skating
Snowboarding	Snowshoeing	Softball	Volleyball

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Young Athletes Program, Project UNIFY, Special Olympics Unified Sports, Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Motor Activities Training Program (MATP)

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