



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 1972

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2015 census):

Registered athletes and Unified partners: 5,013
 Coaches: 471
 Competitions: 52

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

16 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Equestrian
Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Golf	Snowboarding
Snowshoeing	Softball	Triathlon	Volleyball

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Global Messenger Program, Healthy Athletes, Young Athletes, Project UNIFY, Special Olympics Unified Sports, and Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

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