



**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 1983

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

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	5,320
Coaches:	1,028
Competition opportunities:	194

**SUPPORT:**

The Lion Foundation, SPARC, Perry Foundation, Provender, Datacom, New Zealand Community Trust

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 34 athletes competed in the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA
- Participation in the 2013 Asia Pacific Games in Newcastle, Australia
- Participation of 10 athletes in the 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea
- Participation in the 2010 Special Olympics Global Congress in Marrakech, Morocco
- Participation of 17 delegates in the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Boise, Idaho, USA
- Participation of 50 delegates in the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China
- Participation of 6 delegates in the 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Nagano, Japan
- Participation of 40 delegates in the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Dublin, Ireland
- Participation of 3 delegates in the 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Alaska, USA
- Participation of 57 delegates in the 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games in North Carolina, USA
- Participation of 5 delegates in the 1997 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Toronto, Canada
- Participation of 58 delegates in the 1995 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Connecticut, USA
- Participation of 3 delegates athletes in the 1993 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Salzburg, Austria
- Participation of 41 delegates in the 1991 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Minnesota, USA
- Participation of 30 delegates in the 1987 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Indiana, USA
- Participation of 6 delegates in the 1983 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Louisiana, USA

**13 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Equestrian	Football (Soccer)
Golf	Indoor Bowls	Power Lifting	Snowboarding
Table Tennis			

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership

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