

**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 1975

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2016 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	29,725
Coaches:	1,563
Competitions:	152

SUPPORT:

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Austria
- 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

20 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Cycling	Equestrian
Flag Football	Figure Skating	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Gymnastics (Artistic and Rhythmic)	Roller Skating (Speed & Artistic)	Powerlifting	Short Track Speed Skating
Softball	Swimming	Tennis	Volleyball

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Coaching Certification & Sport Specific Resources, Healthy Athletes, Healthy Communities, Young Athletes Program, Unified Championship Schools, Unified University Intramural Sports, and Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

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