



**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 1970

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2015 census):**

Registered athletes and Unified partners: 27,450  
 Coaches: 5,015  
 Competitions: 334

**SUPPORT:**

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2015 Special Olympic World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea

**24 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

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

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

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

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