

**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 1985

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2015 census):

Registered athletes and Unified partners:	15,437
Coaches:	1,278
Competitions:	234

GOAL:

To reach minimum of 50 new local clubs and minimum 500 new athletes by the end of 2015

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (60 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (41 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (81 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan (36 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (69 athletes)

30 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton
Basketball	Beach Volleyball	Bocce	Bowling
Cross Country Skiing	Cycling	Equestrian	Floor Hockey
Floor Hockey	Floorball	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Gymnastics (Artistic)	Gymnastics (Rhythmic)	Handball	Judo
Kayaking	Open Water Swimming	Power Lifting	Roller Skating
Sailing	Short Track Speed Skating	Snowshoeing	Table Tennis
Tennis	Volleyball		

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Family Support Network (FSN), Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Young Athletes

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

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