

**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 2002 and accredited by Special Olympics, Int., in 2003

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2015 census):

Registered athletes and Unified partners:	16,751
Coaches:	609
Competitions:	410

GOAL:

To reach 15,500 athletes and participants by the end of 2016

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (3 athletes)
- 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Dublin, Ireland (4 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (25 delegates)
- 2010 Special Olympics Global Congress, Marrakech, Morocco
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece

6 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball
Football (Soccer)	Table Tennis	Volleyball

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Family Support Network (FSN), Young Athletes

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES:

English and French with the local language of Kinyarwanda

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