



MISSION:

The mission of Special Olympics Texas is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics Texas athletes and the community.

HISTORY:

Founded in 1969

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2015 census):

Registered athletes and Unified partners: 58,554
 Coaches: 4,051
 Competitions: 378

SUPPORT:

Recipient of corporate, grant and individual funding

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 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

23 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Bowling	Cycling	Equestrian	Figure Skating
Flag Football	Football (Soccer)	Golf	Gymnastics (Artistic)
Gymnastics (Rhythmic)	Kayaking	Power Lifting	Roller Skating
Sailing	Softball	Table Tennis	Tennis
Track & Field	Triathlon	Volleyball	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

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

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