



About Cricket: Cricket is a locally popular recognized sport in Special Olympics. The first international Special Olympics cricket tournament was hosted in India in 2006. There are over 81,000 Special Olympics athletes participating in Cricket. Cricket is a bat-and-ball game played between two teams of 11 players on an oval-shaped field, at the center of which is a rectangular 22-yard long pitch. One team bats, trying to score as many runs as possible while the other team bowls and fields, trying to dismiss the batsmen and thus limit the runs scored by the batting team.

Established at Special Olympics: 2006

Differences of Special Olympics Cricket:

By The Numbers:

- # of athletes who participate in XXSport
- # of countries that participate in XXSPORT
- Fun Facts

Events for Competition:

- Cricket Skills Test
- Team Competition

Associations/Federations/Supporters:

International Cricket Council (ICC)

Divisioning at Special Olympics:

Athletes in every sport and event are grouped by age, gender, and ability – giving everyone a reasonable chance to win. At Special Olympics there are no World Records because each athlete, whether in the fastest or the slowest division is valued and recognized equally. In every division, all athletes receive an award, from gold, silver, and bronze medals, to fourth through eighth place ribbons. This idea of equal ability groupings is the foundation for competition in Special Olympics and can be witnessed at all events, whether it's athletics, aquatics, table tennis, football, skiing, or gymnastics. All athletes are given an equal chance to participate, perform, and be recognized for doing their best by their teammates, family, friends, and fans."