



FACT SHEET

Mission: To provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities in Thailand 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 athletes and the community.

History: Founded in 1987, Special Olympics Thailand is recognized as a National Sports Association registered under the Sports Authority of Thailand since 1991. The holding of SOT National Games is also stated in the National Policy of the Sports Authority of Thailand.

Participants: 32,129 athletes and participants – 75% are under the age of 16 - from 182 members
4,455 coaches - 862 unified partners – 904 volunteers
[2025 Census]

Population: The total population is over 67 million and around 1.9 million are persons with an intellectual disability (3 % of total population)

Scope: Special Olympics Thailand provides training and competition in all 4 regions of Thailand: Central, North, North Eastern and South.

10 Official Sports:

Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton	Bocce
Football	Table Tennis	MATP	Basketball
Cricket	Aerobics Dancing		

Goals:

- Provide athletes with more opportunities to participate in Special Olympics activities, gaining recognition and allowing them to make their contribution to the society.
- Train quality Program Volunteers and Coaches who can work independently in the introduction and development of Special Olympics program within each localized area.
- Increase brand and its social contributions to the country
- Promote social inclusion and increase awareness of the Special Olympics movement in Thailand
- Develop health screening system and healthcare follow up for special athletes and people with intellectual disabilities

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