



Factsheet

- Mission:** 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 athletes and the community.
- History:** Founded on the 27th September, 2012
- Population:** PNGs population is about 10.05 million. Approximately 2% of PNGs population has some degree of intellectual disability.
- Scope:**
- To establish a comprehensive sporting ability program for children & adults with intellectual disabilities
 - To facilitate positive attitudes of the community and the wider population towards people with intellectual disabilities and their different abilities
 - To support existing programs and institutions dedicated to inclusive training
 - To establish an enabling environment for the wider community to ensure equal opportunities are provided for people with intellectual disabilities in PNG
- Official Sports:** Athletics, Aussie Rules, Badminton, Bocce, Baseball 5, Football, Hockey and Netball
- Membership:** 1, 005 registered athletes, Over 100 registered families, 50 coaches and over 300 volunteers in the National Capital District, Central Province & the Autonomous Region of Bougainville & East New Britain Province.
- Programs:** SOPNG is currently running six (6 programs) Athlete Leadership, Sports (Come & Try) & Unified, Family Network, Healthy Community, Young Athletes & Youth Activation
- Executives:** Takale Tuna (President), Ben Theodore (V/President), Gibson Kaul (Treasurer) Athlete Representative: Japhet Narrey, Acting Program Manager: Austin Nasio, Sports Program Manager: Sophia Tuna, **Board Members:** Dr Andrew Ame (POM General Hospital), Margaret Nukinja (Cheshire IERC), Allan Jim (NDOE), Jenny Sike (Red Cross IERC), Family Representatives: Mathew Angori & Samantha Nauku
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