

**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 1994

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2013 census):

Registered athletes and participants:	36,754
Coaches:	1,412
Competition opportunities:	760

GOAL:

To reach 50,000 athletes and participants by the end of 2015

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- Participation in the 2013 Asia Pacific Games in Newcastle, Australia
- 16 athletes participated in the 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea
- Participation in the 2010 Special Olympics Global Congress in Marrakech, Morocco
- Participation in the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai China
- Participation in the 2009 Special Olympics International Cricket Cup Carnival and hosted SO Bharat for friendly Cricket matches.

SUPPORT:

Funding provided by Special Olympics International and donations by Directors of Special Olympics Bangladesh, Grameenphone and National Sports Council.

OTHER:

Special Olympics Bangladesh and the Society for the Welfare of the Intellectually Disabled (SWID) have signed a Memorandum of Agreement in support of each other's missions. SWID has branches throughout Bangladesh with Special education teachers ready to work with the athletes. Thus many coaches' training sessions have taken place to develop each of these branches into a local program.

11 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton	Basketball
Bocce	Football (Soccer)	Table Tennis	Volleyball
Floor Hockey	Cricket	Young Athletes Program (YAP)	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:

Athlete Leadership Programs (ALPs), Family Support Network (FSN)

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