

**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 1987

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2014 census):

Registered athletes:	12,755
Coaches:	900
Competitions:	64

GOAL:

Special Olympics Hellas is committed to organizing sports training and competitions and special events for and in support of persons with intellectual disabilities thus ensuring that communities throughout Greece are united by love, understanding, solidarity and respect for diversity

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (106 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (27 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (339 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan (24 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (98 athletes)

28 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton
Basketball	Beach Volleyball	Bocce	Bowling
Cross Country Skiing	Cycling	Equestrian	Floor Hockey
Floorball	Football (Soccer)	Golf	Gymnastics (Artistic)
Gymnastics (Rhythmic)	Handball	Judo	Kayaking
Open Water Swimming	Power Lifting	Roller Skating	Sailing
Snowshoeing	Table Tennis	Tennis	Volleyball

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Family Support Network (FSN), Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Young Athletes,

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

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