

**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 2000

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2014 census):

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| Registered athletes: | 959 |
| Coaches: | 34 |
| Competitions: | 24 |

GOAL:

- Building and challenging the difficulty of promoting Special Olympics in Gozo.
- Increasing the information and enhancing in Primary Schools the Young Athlete Program.
- Working on more investors in joining Special Olympics and believing on our long term visions.
- Special Olympics Malta will support local clubs, schools and other associations by delivering correct and appropriate information.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (22 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece (38 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China (19 athletes)

11 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

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| Aquatics | Athletics | Bocce | Bowling |
| Cycling | Football (Soccer) | Gymnastic (Artistic) | Kayaking |
| Open Water Swimming | Table Tennis | Volleyball | |

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Family Support Network (FSN), Young Athletes

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