

**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 1997

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2013 census):

Registered athletes and participants:	17,939
Coaches:	499
Competition opportunities:	102

GOAL:

To reach 18,500 athletes and participants by the end of 2016

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 4 athletes participated in the 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games in North Carolina, USA
- Participated in the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Dublin, Ireland
- Participated in the 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Nagano, Japan
- Participated in the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China
- Participated at the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Idaho, USA

REGIONAL EVENTS:

- 3rd MENA Regional Games in Beirut, Lebanon, 2002
- 4th MENA Regional Games in Tunis, Tunisia, 2004
- 5th MENA Regional Games in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 2006
- 6th MENA Regional Games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 2008
- 7th MENA Regional Games in Damascus, Syria, 2010

12 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton	Bocce
Football (Soccer)	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Handball	Judo
Power Lifting	Table Tennis	Floor Hockey	Snowshoeing

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership Programs (ALPs)

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