



**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 1990

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2013 census):**

Registered athletes and participants:	5,319
Coaches:	156
Competition opportunities:	57

**GOAL:**

To reach 6,150 athletes and participants by the end of 2016

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- Participated in the 1995 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Connecticut, USA
- Participated in the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Dublin, Ireland
- Participated in the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China
- Participated in the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Idaho, USA

**REGIONAL EVENTS:**

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

**11 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton	Bocce	Bowling
Cycling	Equestrian	Football (Soccer)	Handball	Power Lifting

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership Programs (ALPs)

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