



**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 1968

**PARTICIPANTS (per the 2014 census):**

Registered athletes and participants:	3,057
Coaches:	472
Competitions:	550

**SUPPORT:**

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece

**20 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Baseball
Basketball	Bocce	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing
Cycling	Dance	Flag Football	Football (Soccer)
Golf	Power Lifting	Sailing	Snowboarding
Snowshoeing	Softball	Tennis	Volleyball

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Young Athletes, Project UNIFY, Special Olympics Unified Sports, Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Motor Activities Training Program (MATP)

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