



**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 1970

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

Registered athletes:	15,943
Coaches:	3,251
Competitions:	262

**SUPPORT:**

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece

**18 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Equestrian	Flag Football
Football (Soccer)	Golf	Gymnastics (Rhythmic)	Power Lifting
Roller Skating	Short Track Speed Skating	Snowboarding	Softball
Tennis	Volleyball		

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

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

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