



**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 1975

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

Registered athletes:	14,500
Coaches:	1,789
Competitions:	84

**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

**17 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball
Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Distance Running	Figure Skating
Flag Football	Football (Soccer)	Golf	Power Lifting
Short Track Speed Skating	Snowboarding	Softball	Volleyball
Walking Add Bocce and Flag Football			

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

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

**EXECUTIVE STAFF:**

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