



**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 2015 census):**

Registered athletes and Unified partners: 26,010  
 Coaches: 3,308  
 Competitions: 266

**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

**24 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Baseball
Basketball	Bocce	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing
Cycling	Equestrian	Figure Skating	Flag Football
Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Golf	Gymnastics (Artistic)
Power Lifting	Short Track Speed Skating	Snowboarding	Snowshoeing
Softball	Tennis	Triathlon	Volleyball

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

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

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