



**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 2023 census):**

Athletes:	13,909
Coaches:	3,728
Competitions:	784
Volunteers:	6,464

**SUPPORT:**

Recipient of government, corporate and individual funding

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2023 Special Olympics World Games, Berlin, Germany
- 2019 Special Olympics World Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Graz, Austria
- 2017 World Winter Games, Graz, Schladming and Ramsau, Austria
- 2015 Special Olympic World Games, Los Angeles, USA
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Games, Athens, Greece

**21 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Bowling	Cross Country Skiing	Cycling	Equestrian
Figure Skating	Flag Football	Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)
Golf	Gymnastics, Artistic	Gymnastics, Rhythmic	Kayaking
Powerlifting	Roller Skating	Short Track Speed Skating	Snowboarding
Snowshoeing	Softball	Swimming	Tennis
Volleyball			

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Communities, Healthy Athletes, Young Athletes, Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools®, Special Olympics Unified Sports®, and Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), Fitness.

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