

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 2016 census):

Registered athletes and Unified partners:	71,889
Coaches:	4,767
Competitions:	5,478

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

22 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball	Gymnastics
Powerlifting	Tennis	Volleyball	Bocce
Bowling	Cross Country Running	Cycling	Equestrian
Golf	Roller Skiing	Soccer	Softball
Alpine Skiing	Figure Skating	Floor Hockey	Nordic Skiing
Snow shoeing	Speed Skating		

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

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

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

Patricia Martinelli, Board Chair
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