



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 2001 but full operation started in January 2005

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2015 census):

Registered athletes and Unified partners:	19,200
Coaches:	910
Competitions:	1,167

GOAL:

To reach 19,995 athletes and participants by the end of 2016

SUPPORT:

Special Olympics Board Chair, Board Members, Corporate Organizations, philanthropists and Special Olympics, Inc.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, CA (42 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (14 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens Greece (61 delegates)
- 2010 Special Olympics Global Congress, Marrakech, Morocco
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (34 delegates)

8 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton	Basketball
Cycling	Floor Hockey	Football	Table Tennis

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Young Athletes

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES:

3 official languages and their popularities vary greatly between the geo-political regions. These are Ibo, Hausa and Yoruba languages with English being the most common.

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

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