



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 2000

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2016 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 8,861
 Coaches: 388
 Competition opportunities: 115

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (45 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (65 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Idaho, USA (2 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China (50 athletes)
- 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Nagano, Japan (5 athletes)
- 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Dublin, Ireland (19 athletes)
- 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games, North Carolina, USA

REGIONAL EVENTS:

- 4th MENA Regional Games in Tunis, Tunisia, 2004 (15 athletes)
- 5th MENA Regional Games in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 2006 (32 athletes)
- 6th MENA Regional Games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 2008 (69 athletes)
- 7th MENA Regional Games in Damascus, Syria, 2010 (82 athletes)
- 8th MENA Regional Games in Cairo, Egypt 2014 (40 athletes)

11 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

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| Aquatics | Athletics | Badminton | Bocce |
| Cycling | Floor Hockey | Football (Soccer) | Handball |
| Power Lifting | Snowshoeing | Table Tennis | |

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Family Forum, Healthy Athletes

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