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 1990

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2016 census):
Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 4,986
Coaches: 264
Competition opportunities: 66

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (55 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Idaho, USA
- 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Dublin, Ireland
- 1995 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Connecticut, USA

REGIONAL EVENTS:
- 3rd MENA Regional Games in Beirut, Lebanon, 2002
- 4th MENA Regional Games in Tunis, Tunisia, 2004
- 5th MENA Regional Games in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 2006
- 6th MENA Regional Games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 2008
- 7th MENA Regional Games in Damascus, Syria, 2010

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