



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 1986

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2016 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	5,672
Coaches:	390
Competition opportunities:	59

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (14 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Idaho, USA
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China
- 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan
- 2004 Special Olympics Greece Invitational Games, Rhodes, Greece
- 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Dublin, Ireland
- 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Alaska, USA (13 athletes)
- 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games, North Carolina, USA (18 athletes)
- 1997 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Canada (5 athletes)
- 1995 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Connecticut, USA (20 athletes)
- 1993 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Salzburg, Austria (12 athletes)
- 1991 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Minnesota, USA (6 athletes)
- 1990 Third European Summer Special Olympics Games, Scotland, UK
- 1989 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Reno, USA
- 1987 Special Olympics World Summer Games, South Bend, USA

REGIONAL EVENTS:

- 1st MENA Regional Games in Cairo, Egypt, 1999
- 2nd MENA Regional Games in Rabat, Morocco, 2000
- 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

15 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cycling	Equestrian
Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Power Lifting	Roller Skating
Snowshoeing	Table Tennis	Tennis	

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Motor Activities Training Program (MATP)

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