



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 1995

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2016 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	11,850
Coaches:	602
Competition opportunities:	76

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (36 athletes)
- **Under the Patronage of HRH Princess Lalla Amina, Special Olympics Morocco hosted the 2010 Special Olympics Global Congress, Marrakech, Morocco**
- Participation in the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Dublin, Ireland
- Participation in the 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games in North Carolina, 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

18 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Cycling	Equestrian
Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Golf	Gymnastics (Artistic)
Gymnastics (Rhythmic)	Handball	Power Lifting	Table Tennis
Tennis	Volleyball		

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Young Athletes

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