

**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 and accredited by Special Olympics, Int., in 1991

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2015 census):

Registered athletes and Unified partners:	46,264
Coaches:	3,062
Competitions:	1,950

SUPPORT:

National Lottery Board, NMCF, PUTCO, SABC, Independent Newspapers, Gauteng Provincial Government, US CDC, Royal Bafokeng Holdings and Royal Bafokeng Sports, SuperSport, Jupiter Drawing Room: Utopia, FIFA Football for Hope, MiWay Insurance, Coca-Cola

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (68 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (14 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (81 athletes)
- 2010 Special Olympics Global Congress, Marrakech, Morocco
- 2009 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Boise, Idaho, USA (13 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (83 athletes)
- 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Dublin, Ireland (66 athletes)
- 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Alaska, USA (21 athletes)
- 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games, North Carolina, USA (56 athletes)
- 1995 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Connecticut, USA (76 athletes)
- 1993 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Salzburg, Austria

16 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Bowling	Cycling	Equestrian	Football (Soccer)
Golf	Table Tennis	Volleyball	Figure Skating
Floor Hockey	Cricket	Open Water Swimming	Netball

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes (HA), Family Support Network (FSN) and Family Health Forums (FHF), Young Athletes

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES:

11 official languages and their popularity vary greatly between provinces. Most widely spoken are English, isiZulu, seSotho and Afrikaans

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