



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 1970

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2017 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: 4,868
 Coaches: 353
 Competitions: 76

SUPPORT:

Funded primarily by donations, foundations and grants, special events, and proceeds from the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Kansas

RECENT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- Participated in the 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Graz, Austria
- Participated in the 2015 Special Olympics World Games, Los Angeles, USA
- Participated in the 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea
- Participated in the 2011 Special Olympics World Games, Athens, Greece

20 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Bowling	Cheerleading	Cross Country Skiing	Cycling	Figure Skating
Flag Football	Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Golf	Powerlifting
Snowshoeing	Speed Skating	Softball	Tennis	Volleyball

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Healthy Athletes, Fitness Challenge, Young Athletes, Special Olympics Unified Sports®, Special Olympics Unified Champions Schools® and Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR).

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