

**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 1987

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2016 census):

Registered Athletes and Unified Partners:	15,268
Coaches:	909
Competitions:	45

GOAL:

Special Olympics Hellas is committed to organizing sports training and competitions and special events for and in support of persons with intellectual disabilities thus ensuring that communities throughout Greece are united by love, understanding, solidarity and respect for diversity

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA (106 athletes)
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea (27 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece (339 athletes)
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan (24 athletes)
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China (98 athletes)

28 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Alpine Skiing	Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton
Basketball	Bocce	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing
Cycling	Equestrian	Floor Hockey	Floorball
Football (Soccer)	Gymnastics (Artistic)	Gymnastics (Rhythmic)	Handball
Judo	Kayaking	Open Water Swimming	Power Lifting
Roller Skating	Sailing	Snowshoeing	Table Tennis
Tennis	Volleyball		

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, Family Support Network (FSN), Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), Young Athletes, Volunteers Programme, Educational Programme, Play Unified, Live Unified

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