





**Special
Olympics**
Pennsylvania


Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

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Allow us to better explain some of the terms included in our 2017 Annual Report:

- **Young Athletes:** Is a unique sport and play program for children ages 2 to 7 with intellectual disabilities. The focus is on fun activities that are important to mental and physical growth.
- **Healthy Athletes:** Is dedicated to providing health services and education to Special Olympics athletes, and changing the way health systems interact with people with intellectual disabilities.
- **Screenings:** Volunteer health care professionals provide free health screenings and education to our athletes in the form of eye, ear, dental and podiatry care, as well as physical therapy and health promotion.
- **Unified Sports:** Special Olympics Unified Sports creates an opportunity for people without intellectual disabilities to join in the sports experience by playing on a team with athletes with intellectual disabilities.
- **Interscholastic Unified Sports:** School-based Unified Sports program where students with and without intellectual disabilities are combined for school activities, youth leadership programs, and athletic competitions.
- **Athlete Leadership University:** Offers training to Athlete Leaders three times a year to further their knowledge base and provide certification in Communications, Sports, Health and Governance.
- **Athlete Representatives:** Are responsible to represent all registered athletes in their local program as a member of the Management Team.
- **Global Messengers:** Are Special Olympics athletes who help spread the message and vision of the movement as well as the benefits they have gained by participating in Special Olympics.
- **Sports Directors:** Sport Directors are experts who serve as an extension of the state sports staff, serving as the technical liaison on sport rules, training techniques and competition management.
- **Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR):** The Law Enforcement Torch Run unites officers from law enforcement agencies and corrections departments across the state in a year-round effort to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics.
- **Healthy Lifestyles:** Health and Fitness Coordinators trained to incorporate better health and fitness habits into their local program.
- **Athletes as Coaches:** Athletes who transition from a competitor to a coach.
- **Unified Youth Committees:** The Unified Youth Committee (UYC) is an organized group of a proportional number of students with and without intellectual disabilities who are devoted to promoting inclusion and improving their school climate.
- **State Unified Youth Committees:** The state Unified Youth Committee (UYC) is a group of students from around the state who were nominated to be members of the state Unified Youth Committee (UYC). State UYC members contribute valuable leadership skills and input to the state program by developing, engaging in, and promoting inclusive activities, events, and sports competitions in their local school communities.

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GOAL: Improve ATHLETE EXPERIENCE

ATHLETES & COMPETITIONS

TOTAL ATHLETES

17,991

16,360

TRADITIONAL ATHLETES

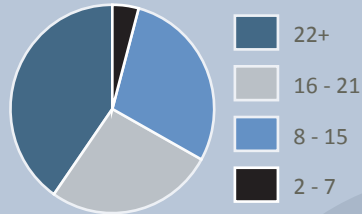
1,246

SCHOOL BASED/UNIFIED SPORTS
(INCLUDING INTERSCHOLASTIC UNIFIED SPORTS)

385

YOUNG ATHLETES

ATHLETE AGES



21 OFFICIAL SPORTS

3 EMERGING SPORTS

517 COMPETITIONS

ATHLETE HEALTH

1,819 HEALTHY ATHLETES SCREENINGS

UNIFIED SPORTS

142 UNIFIED COMPETITIONS



93 UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS
(2016 - 17 SCHOOL YEAR)

920 athletes and 847 partners competed in bocce, track and field and/or soccer.

COACHES

6,094

TRADITIONAL & UNIFIED COACHES

1,911

TRADITIONAL CERTIFIED COACHES

COACHES CERTIFIED IN 2016

41

TRAINING SCHOOLS/CLINICS HOSTED

446

COACHES/OFFICIALS/CLINICIANS TRAINED



GOAL: Build Positive Attitudes Towards People with ID

VOLUNTEERS

28,380 TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS

5,597 TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUTH VOLUNTEERS (AGED 8 - 25)

17 STATEWIDE SPORTS DIRECTORS

KEY VOLUNTEERS PARTNERSHIPS

22 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

40+ CORPORATE VOLUNTEER-BASED PARTNERSHIPS



GOAL: BUILD CAPACITY through generating more RESOURCES and strengthening LEADERSHIP at all levels of the Movement

REVENUE

\$9.2 MILLION COMBINED GROSS REVENUE

\$1.6 MILLION TORCH RUN REVENUE

Torch Run Revenue consists of funds raised during 9 Polar Plunges, The Beaver Stadium Run, Tip-A-Cop, and Torch Runs.



ATHLETE & YOUTH LEADERSHIP

319 ATHLETE LEADERS TRAINED

Athletes were trained in: Athlete Representative (I and II), Global Messenger (I and II), Healthy Lifestyles, and Athletes as Coaches.

76 UNIFIED YOUTH COMMITTEES

11 STATE UNIFIED YOUTH (STUDENT) COMMITTEE MEMBERS, INAUGURAL YEAR