



Special Olympics is a global organization that unleashes the human spirit through the transformative power and joy of sport, everyday around the world. Through programming in sports, health, education and community building, Special Olympics changes the lives of people with intellectual disabilities solving the global injustice, isolation, intolerance and inactivity they face.

Our Mission

To provide 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.

Our Approach & Solutions

- **Real Sports:** Deliver high-quality training and competition in an inclusive culture that stresses athletic excellence, rewards determination, emphasizes health and celebrates personal achievement.
- **Unified Strategy:** Offer a holistic, inclusive methodology starting with sports and transcending all aspects of life, offering opportunities for those with and without intellectual disabilities to play together as teammates on the court and become leaders off the court.
- **Athlete Health:** Promote the overall well-being of people with intellectual disabilities via programs that ensure ongoing access to quality, community-based healthcare services, highlighted by free health screenings at Special Olympics' competitions, games and other venues.

Our Community Reach and Impact

Nearly
16K
Special Olympics PA
athletes
compete across



54
local county
programs at



300+
annual
competitions in



21
Olympic-Type
Sports with
the help of over

30K
coaches and volunteers.

