NIPPON (JAPAN) FACT SHEET

Special Olympics Nippon (Japan) | Asia Pacific

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 1994

PARTICIPATION (PER THE 2025 CENSUS):

Registered Athletes/Unified Partners:	8,793
Coaches:	4,916
Competitions in 2025:	182

SPORTS (PER THE 2025 CENSUS):

Aerobics	Alpine Skiing	Athletics
Badminton	Basketball	Boccia
Bowling	Cheerleading	Cross Country Skiing
Cycling	Dance	Equestrian
Figure Skating	Floor Hockey	Floorball
Flying Disc	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Gymnastics, Artistic	Judo	Short Track Speed Skating
Snowboarding	Snowshoeing	Softball
Swimming	Table Tennis	Tennis
Volleyball		

OTHER DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES:

- Athlete Leadership
- Healthy Athletes
- Motor Activities Training Program (MATP)
- Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools®
- Special Olympics Unified Sports®
- Young Athletes

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2025 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Turin, Italy
- 2023 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Berlin, Germany
- 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Graz & Schladming, Austria
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games, PyeongChang, South Korea
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece
- 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Boise, USA
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China
- 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Nagano, Japan
- 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Dublin, Ireland
- 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Anchorage, USA
- 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games, North Carolina, USA

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