# PORTUGAL FACT SHEET

Special Olympics Portugal | Europe Eurasia

**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

## PARTICIPATION (PER THE 2025 CENSUS):

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| **Registered Athletes/Unified Partners:** | 8,369 |
| **Coaches:** | 150 |
| **Competitions in 2025:** | 146 |

## SPORTS (PER THE 2025 CENSUS):

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| Alpine Skiing | Athletics | Basketball |
| Dance | Equestrian | Fitness |
| Floorball | Football (Soccer) | Futsal |
| Golf | Gymnastics, Artistic | Gymnastics, Rhythmic |
| Handball | Padel | Sailing |
| Snowboarding | Swimming | Table Tennis |

## 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
- 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, USA
- 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Athens, Greece
- 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Shanghai, China
- 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Dublin, Ireland

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