

SWEDEN FACT SHEET

Special Olympics Sweden | 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 1994

PARTICIPATION (PER THE 2025 CENSUS):

Registered Athletes/Unified Partners:	7,688
Coaches:	1,430
Competitions in 2025:	108

SPORTS (PER THE 2025 CENSUS):

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Basketball
Boccia	Bowling	Cross Country Skiing
Equestrian	Figure Skating	Floorball
Football (Soccer)	Golf	Handball
Judo	Power Lifting	Swimming
Table Tennis		

OTHER DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES:

- Athlete Leadership
- Healthy 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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