Special Olympics Switzerland

SWITZERLAND FACT SHEET

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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 1995

PARTICIPATION (PER THE 2025 CENSUS):

Registered Athletes/Unified Partners:	2,340
Coaches:	714
Competitions in 2025:	109

SPORTS (PER THE 2025 CENSUS):

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Basketball
Boccia	Bowling	Climbing
Cross Country Skiing	Curling	Cycling
Dance	Equestrian	Figure Skating
Floorball	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Gymnastics, Artistic	Handball	Judo
Petanque	Rugby	Sailing
Short Track Speed Skating	Snowboarding	Snowshoeing
Swimming	Table Tennis	Tennis

OTHER DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES:

- Athlete Leadership
- Healthy Athletes
- Special Olympics Unified Sports®

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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