ECUADOR FACT SHEET

Special Olympics Ecuador | Latin America

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 1968

PARTICIPATION (PER THE 2025 CENSUS):

Registered Athletes/Unified Partners:	20,515
Coaches:	1,546
Competitions in 2025:	330

SPORTS (PER THE 2025 CENSUS):

Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Cycling	Distance Running	Equestrian
Football (Soccer)	Futsal	Gymnastics, Artistic
Gymnastics, Rhythmic	Handball	Open Water Swimming
Power Lifting	Swimming	Table Tennis
Tennis	Triathlon	

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:

- 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
- 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
- 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games, North Carolina, USA

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