MOROCCO FACT SHEET

Special Olympics Morocco | Middle East/North Africa

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:	8,327
Coaches:	878
Competitions in 2025:	157

SPORTS (PER THE 2025 CENSUS):

Athletics	Badminton	Basketball
Beach Soccer	Beach Volleyball	Bocce
Bowling	Cycling	Equestrian
Figure Skating	Floor Hockey	Floorball
Football (Soccer)	Futsal	Golf
Gymnastics, Artistic	Gymnastics, Rhythmic	Handball
Judo	Kayaking	Power Lifting
Roller Skating	Swimming	Table Tennis
Tennis	Triathlon	Volleyball
Water Polo		

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
- 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Dublin, Ireland
- 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games, North Carolina, USA

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