Special Olympics
Saudi Arabia

SAUDI ARABIA FACT SHEET

Special Olympics Saudi Arabia | 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:	4,740
Coaches:	877
Competitions in 2025:	134

SPORTS (PER THE 2025 CENSUS):

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Badminton
Basketball	Beach Volleyball	Bocce
Bowling	Cycling	Equestrian
Floorball	Football (Soccer)	Futsal
Golf	Handball	Judo
Power Lifting	Roller Skating	Sailing
Short Track Speed Skating	Snowshoeing	Swimming
Table Tennis	Tennis	Triathlon
Volleyball		

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

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

ExecutiveDirector Abdul Rahman al Quraishi

Dr. Maha Al Juffali

SPECIAL OLYMPICS SAUDI ARABIA

Saudi Sports Federation for Special Needs, Prince Faisal bin fahd street
building 8321 unit 19-2479
Riyadh 12752
Saudi Arabia

Phone: +966507172288
Website: www.specialolympics.sa