BARBADOS FACT SHEET

Special Olympics Barbados | North 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:	809
Coaches:	25
Competitions in 2025:	7

SPORTS (PER THE 2025 CENSUS):

Athletics	Basketball	Bocce
Football (Soccer)	Golf	Swimming
Table Tennis		

OTHER DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES:

- Athlete Leadership
- Healthy Athletes

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 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
- 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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