Special Olympics New Jersey

NEW JERSEY FACT SHEET

Special Olympics New Jersey | 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 1970

PARTICIPATION (PER THE 2025 CENSUS):

Registered Athletes/Unified Partners:	31,971
Coaches:	2,291
Competitions in 2025:	196

SPORTS (PER THE 2025 CENSUS):

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Baseball
Basketball	Bocce	Bowling
Cross Country Skiing	Cycling	Equestrian
Figure Skating	Flag Football	Floor Hockey
Football (Soccer)	Golf	Gymnastics, Artistic
Power Lifting	Rowing	Short Track Speed Skating
Snowboarding	Snowshoeing	Softball
Swimming	Tennis	Volleyball

OTHER DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES:

- Athlete Leadership
- Healthy Athletes
- Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools®
- Special Olympics Unified Sports®
- Young Athletes

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS (TEAM USA):

- 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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