Special Olympics Pennsylvania

PENNSYLVANIA FACT SHEET

Special Olympics Pennsylvania | 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:	18,844
Coaches:	2,303
Competitions in 2025:	1,237

SPORTS (PER THE 2025 CENSUS):

Alpine Skiing	Athletics	Basketball
Bocce	Bowling	Distance Running
Equestrian	Figure Skating	Flag Football
Floor Hockey	Football (Soccer)	Golf
Gymnastics, Artistic	Gymnastics, Rhythmic	Power Lifting
Short Track Speed Skating	Snowboarding	Snowshoeing
Softball	Swimming	Tennis
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 (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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