

**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.

**VISION:**

Our vision is based on registering athletes, examining, training and qualifying them to participate in sports games and competitions, developing their abilities and skills, each according to their abilities, classification and grade, organizing training courses for them, giving them equal and continuous opportunities, demonstrating their courage.

The country is taking full advantage of the program to develop athletes' skills, equality and respect, acceptance and spreading high sportsmanship. Offering fair educational opportunities and inclusion is one of our aims. All of this is subject to the rules and regulations of Special Olympics International And its provisions.

**HISTORY:**

Founded in 2000.

**GOAL:**

Special Olympics Iraq envisions a future where intellectual disabilities are no barrier to participation and achievement. forging strong partnerships with local organizations and investing in the training of local coaches. Ultimately, our goal is to cultivate a thriving community where athletes with intellectual disabilities can excel in sports, celebrate their victories, and inspire a nation towards a more inclusive future.

**PARTICIPANTS:**

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| Registered Athletes and Unified Partners: | 5,759 |
| Coaches:                                  | 497   |
| Competitions:                             | 128   |

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2003 World Games Ireland / Seven various medals
- 2004 World Cycling Championships Greece / Six various medals
- 2005 Hockey Winter Games Japan / Fifth place in the world
- 2007 World Games China / Nineteen various medals
- 2009 World Games Greece / Seventeen various medals
- 2015 World Games Los Angeles / Thirteen various medals
- 2017 Winter Games Austria / Six various medals
- 2019 World Games Abu Dhabi / Fifty-two various medals
- 2023 World Games Berlin / Thirteen various medals

**REGIONAL EVENTS:**

- 2002 Regional Games Beirut / Five various medals
- 2004 Regional Games Tunisia / Thirteen various medals
- 2005 Solidarity Football Tournament Saudi Arabia / Fourth place
- 2006 Regional Games Dubai / Thirteen various medals
- 2008 Regional Games Abu Dhabi / Thirty-five various medals
- 2010 Regional Games Syria / Fifty-five various medals
- 2012 Regional Weightlifting Championship Lebanon / Twelve various medals
- 2013 Tennis Games Amman / Five various medals
- 2014 Regional Games Egypt / Thirty-five various medals
- 2018 Regional Games Abu Dhabi / Forty-five various medals

**21 OFFICIAL SPORTS:**

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|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Athletics        | Snow Showing         | Football (soccer)   | Tennis         |
| Badminton        | Cross Country Skying | Gymnastics Artistic | Volleyball     |
| Basketball       | Cycling              | power lifting       | Young athletes |
| Beach volleyball | Fitness              | Handball            |                |
| Bocce            | Floor Hockey         | Swimming            |                |
| Bowling          | Floor ball           | Table Tennis        |                |

**OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

Young Athletes Program, Families program, Volunteers Program.

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