

Special Olympics Kayaking

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What is Special Olympics about?



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Special Olympics is the world's largest sports organization for children and adults with [intellectual disabilities](#), providing year-round training and competitions to 5 million athletes and Unified States Sports partners in 174 countries. Special Olympics competitions are held every day, all around the world—including local, national and regional competitions, adding up to more than 100,000 events a year. Like the [International Paralympic Committee](#), the Special Olympics organization is recognized by the [International Olympic Committee](#); however, unlike the Paralympic Games, Special Olympics World Games are not held in the same year or in conjunction with the Olympic Games.

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Special Olympics Mission

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

Special Olympics athlete oath



„Let me win but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt”



Philosophy



- Centered on athlete.
- Emphasizes benefits to athlete from proper training, fair competition and interaction within the community;
- Winning not emphasized at all costs.
- Emphasizes importance of participation, effort, and personal achievement.



History



June 1962, [Eunice Kennedy Shriver](#) started a day camp called [Camp Shriver](#) for children with intellectual disabilities

The first Special Olympics games were held in July 1968 at [Soldier Field](#) in Chicago. About 1,000 athletes from the U.S. and Canada took part in the one-day event,

1968 Chicago



History of Athletes Participation



2014	4,600,000
2004	1,750,000
2000	1,000,000
1990	750,000
1988	588,500
1968	1,000
1963	100





ATHLETES

5,169,489

UNIFIED PARTNERS

872,303

TOTAL

6,041,792

TOTAL

2017

872K ATHLETES \$1.3M

2016

74K \$1M

2015

50K 1.0M

2014

30K 1.2M



HEALTH PROGRAM

HEALTHY ATHLETES CLOSED

1,524

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

RECOGNIZED PROGRAMS IN PROGRESS

ATHLETES SCREENED FOR

33,130

HEALTHY VOLUNTEERS

82

COUNTRIES OFFERING HEALTHY ATHLETES

195,475



UNIFIED SPORTS

TOTAL TEAMMATES

1,634,167

UNIFIED ATHLETES

761,864

UNIFIED PARTNERS

872,303

TOTAL YOUTH TEAMMATES

AGE 9-25

539,115

UNIFIED ATHLETES

296,127

UNIFIED PARTNERS

242,988

2016-2017 PERCENTAGE

+17%

+242,717

2016-2017 CHANGE

+6%

+30,004

YOUTH ATHLETES

308,818



COMPETITIONS

103,540

UNIFIED

24,495



284 COMPETITIONS / DAY

12 COMPETITIONS / HOUR

GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

NATIONAL & STATE PROGRAMS

225

COUNTRIES

174



ATHLETE LEADERSHIP

ATHLETE LEADERS

45,355

2016-2017 CHANGE

+11%

+4,541



FEMALE

26%

ATHLETE GENDER

MALE

61%

PROGRAM LEADERS

PROGRAMS WITH PAID LEADERSHIP

136

STAFF WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

NUMBER OF PAID STAFF WITH ID

204

NUMBER OF UNPAID STAFF WITH ID

605

VOLUNTEERS

1,114,697

COACHES

477,889

YOUTH

371,523

LAW ENFORCEMENT

30,904

HEALTH

33,130



YOUTH LEADERSHIP

YOUTH LEADERS (AGE 9-25)

66,779

2016-2017 CHANGE

+26%

+13,483



FAMILY LEADERSHIP

FAMILY LEADERS

31,755

2016-2017 CHANGE

+38%

+8,435

REGISTERED

FAMILY MEMBERS

715,455



22+ years

20%

16-21 years

18%

ATHLETE AGE

0-7 years

7%

8-15 years

51%

GLOBAL REVENUE

\$428,793,363

CASH

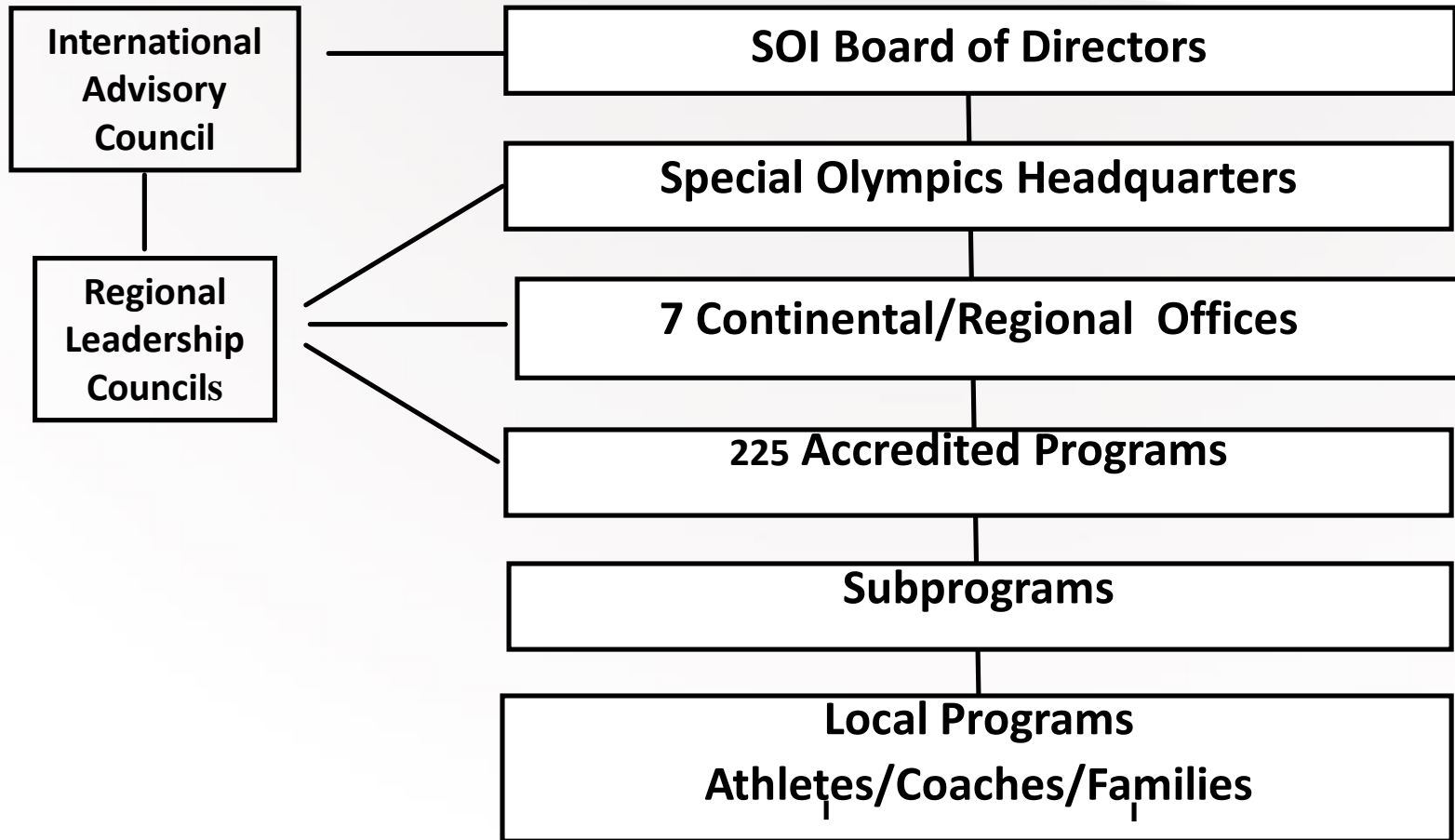
\$319,175,294

IN KIND

\$109,618,069

(Based on 2016 Financial Data)

Worldwide Structure of the Movement



Definition of Intellectual Disability



- Refers to substantial limitations in present functioning
- Characterized by significantly subaverage intellectual functioning
- Exists concurrently with limitations in two or more of the following adaptive skill areas:
 - > communication
 - > self-care
 - > home living
 - > social skills
 - > health and safety
 - > leisure
 - > functional academics
 - > work
- Manifests before age 18 years

Eligibility for Special Olympics



Age

(8 years of age or older except Young Athletes Program)

Registration to participate with Special Olympics

Identification

☐ by their localities as having intellectual disability

OR

☐ by their localities as having closely related developmental disability

Uniqueness of Special Olympics



Sports opportunities for all ability levels

No fees charged to athletes

Divisioning for equitable competition

Awards for all participants

Random draw for advancement to higher levels of
competition



Special Olympics Outreach Programs

- Motor Activities Training Program
 - Unified Sports[®]
 - Healthy Athletes Initiative
 - Schools and Youth Initiative
 - Athlete Leadership Programs
 - SO Young Athletes[™]

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Special Olympics Sports

Official Summer Sports

- Aquatics
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Bocce
- Bowling
- Cycling
- Equestrian
- Football/Soccer
- Golf
- Gymnastics (Artistic and Rhythmic)
- Powerlifting
- Roller Skating
- Sailing
- Softball
- Table Tennis
- Team Handball
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Judo
- **Kayaking**

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Short History

1992 training sessions Poland,

1995 -1st official SO regattas, Sztum, Poland

1996, 1998, 2000- National level regattas, Poland

2002 – Demonstration sport during pre- Games in Dublin,
Ireland



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Kayaking in Special Olympics Games

2003- Dublin, Ireland (4 countries, 24 athletes)

2007-Shanghai, China (8 countries, 55 athletes)

2011-Athens, Greece (12 countries, 65 athletes)

2015-Los Angeles, USA (13 countries, 67 athletes)

Next:

2019-Abu Dhabi, UAE

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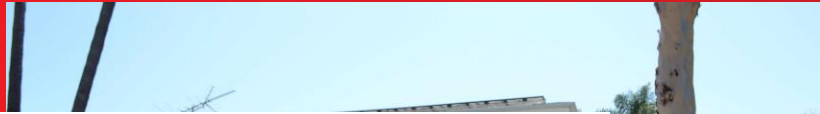
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**WORLD
GAMES**
LOS ANGELES 2015





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Next games ...



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Kayaking Reach Report 2017

4 Regions (including SOEE)

28 Programs (17 in SOEE)

2977 athletes (2100 in SOEE)

487 coaches (234 in SOEE) - 294 certified (130 SOEE)

Unified Kayaking Global

11 Programs (4 SOEE)

340 Athletes + 291 Partners

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Competition Rules

<https://media.specialolympics.org/resources/sports-essentials/sport-rules/Kayaking-Sports-Rules.pdf>

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Special Olympics Sports Rules

SUMMER & WINTER SPORTS RULES

ARTICLE I

SO INC. GENERAL RULES

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Special Olympics Rules

- Based on International and National Governing Body rules of sport federations
- Contain few modifications
- Provide events for all ability levels
- Govern all Special Olympics competitions

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Events

Distances 200 m 500m

Singles Tourist kayak (KT): KT1 – 200m, 500m, 1000m (new)

Doubles Tourist kayak (KT): KT2– 200m, 500m

Unified Sports® Doubles Tourist kayak (KT): KT2 – 200m, 500m,

Singles Professional kayak (K): K1 – 200m, 500m, 1000m

Doubles Professional kayak (K): K2 – 200m, 500m,

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Events

Unified Sports Doubles Professional kayak (K):K2 – 200m, 500m,
Mixed Events

Doubles Tourist kayak (KT-MX): KTmx2 – 200m, 500m,

Unified Sports® Doubles Tourist kayak (KT-MX): KTmx2 – 200m, 500m

Doubles Professional kayak (K-MX): Kmx2 – 200m, 500m

Unified Sports Doubles Professional kayak (K-MX): Kmx2 – 200m, 500m

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Equipment

Standardized Touring Kayaks and paddles are to be provided by **games organizing committees for each athlete.**

These boats are to be designed as a sit-in and not as a sit-on type and to offer high stability level to the athletes.

Kayaks shall be propelled solely by means of double-bladed paddles.

There is no other specific rule for boats construction (material, length, weight etc.) but they must be safe and environmentally sound.

For the equality of participants the Organizers must offer the same type of boats for all events.

Professional Kayaks and paddles must meet ICF specifications

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Boats examples



Sample specification



Boat Specifications:

Cruiser 320	Cruiser II
Material HTP	HTP
Length 323cm	470cm
Width 70 cm	69 cm
Weight 22 kg	34 kg
Volume 370 l	510 l
Max. capacity 135 kg	240 kg
Cockpit 7 (110cm)	7 (110cm)

Special Olympics Divisioning



Conduct competition according to the Official Special Olympics Sports Rules

Achieve the following goals:

- Provide all competitors a chance to excel
- For individual competition:
 - ✓ 15% guideline and preliminaries
- For team competition:
 - ✓ Skills Assessment Tests and classification rounds/observed matches.

Maximum (Honest) Effort Rule (15 %)

Criteria for Athlete Advancement



- Winner of each division has equal chance to advance to the next level of competition
- Athletes should be chosen by random draw
- Athlete selection by Special Olympics rules



Coaching guides



<http://resources.specialolympics.org/ResourcesDefault.aspx>





Kayaking Coaching Guide

<http://digitalguides.specialolympics.org/kayaking/>

Special Olympics Sports Guide



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Different?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WqAcbkzFMCU>

<https://www.facebook.com/SpecialOlympics/videos/10157306507848782/>

The future

Goals:

More countries involved

Increase the number of the athletes

SO Kayaking seminars

SO Regatta organization guide

Boats delegated to SO athletes

Cooperation agreement SOI-ICF

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