

Special Olympics Kayaking

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Special Olympics

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”



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,



ATHLETES

5,169,489

UNIFIED PARTNERS

872,303

TOTAL

6,041,792

TOTAL

2017

2016-2017 CHANGE: **872K** **+17%**

2008

2007 **78K** **3.1M**

2008

2007 **50K** **3.0M**

2002

2001 **38K** **1.2M**



HEALTH PROGRAM

HEALTHY ATHLETES-CLOSE

1,524

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

RECOGNIZED PROGRAMS
IN PROGRESS

195,471

ATHLETES-CLOSE-ON

HEALTHY VOLUNTEERS

33,130

COUNTRIES OFFERING
HEALTHY ATHLETES

82



UNIFIED SPORTS

TOTAL TEAMMATES

1,634,167

UNIFIED ATHLETES

761,864

UNIFIED PARTNERS

872,303

TOTAL YOUTH TEAMMATES

AGE 8-25

539,115

UNIFIED ATHLETES

296,127

UNIFIED PARTNERS

242,988

2016-2017 CHANGE:

+17%

+242,717

2016-2017 CHANGE:

+69%

+242,717

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USING 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

204

NUMBER OF UNPAID

605

VOLUNTEERS

1,114,697

COACHES

477,889

YOUTH

371,523

LEADERSHIP

30,964

HEALTH

33,130



YOUTH LEADERSHIP

YOUTH LEADERS (AGE 8-25)

66,779

2016-2017 CHANGE:

+26%

+13,683



FAMILY LEADERSHIP

FAMILY LEADERS

31,755

2016-2017 CHANGE:

+36%

+8,435

REGISTERED

FAMILY MEMBERS

715,455



11+ years

20%

16-21 years

18%



ATHLETE
AGE

8-11 years

11%

12-15 years

32%

GLOBAL REVENUE

\$428,793,363

CASH

\$319,175,294

IN KID

\$109,618,069

(Based on 2016 Financial Data)

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

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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)

2029 Abu Dhabi, UAE(55 athletes, 10 countries)

Next:

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**WORLD
GAMES**
LOS ANGELES 2015





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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

www.specialolympics.org

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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 %)

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/>

Special Olympics Kayaking in Poland



More than 120 athletes in 18 regions

Established since 1992

Every two years national event

Agreement between National Federation and Special Olympics Poland





Main events SO Poland 2019

- Summer World Games Abu Dhabi
- Demo Races in Poznań during World Cup
- Inclusive races in Creta, Greece

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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Thank you 😊

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