



# FACT SHEET

Founded in 1969 by Olympic decathlon gold medalist Rafer Johnson, Special Olympics Southern California is part of the world's largest sports organization.

Children and adults with intellectual disabilities who participate in Special Olympics develop improved physical fitness and motor skills and greater self-confidence.

Special Olympics has become the world's largest movement dedicated to promoting respect, acceptance, inclusion, and human dignity for people with intellectual disabilities.

Special Olympics programs are offered at no cost to the athletes and their families.



**Number of Participants** 14,000 Athletes  
15,000 Coaches and Volunteers

**Average age of athlete** age 22

**Sports Offered** Spring/Summer: Athletics, Aquatics, Basketball, Bocce, Golf, Gymnastics  
Fall/Winter: Bowling, Floor Hockey, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball

**Footprint** 11 counties from San Luis Obispo to San Diego:

**Inland Empire**  
[www.sosc.org/inlandempire](http://www.sosc.org/inlandempire)

**Orange County**  
[www.sosc.org/orangecounty](http://www.sosc.org/orangecounty)

**Santa Barbara County**  
[www.sosc.org/santabarbara](http://www.sosc.org/santabarbara)

**Kern County**  
[www.sosc.org/kerncounty](http://www.sosc.org/kerncounty)

**San Diego County**  
[www.sosc.org/sandiego](http://www.sosc.org/sandiego)

**Santa Clarita Valley & Tri-Valley**  
[www.sosc.org/santaclarita](http://www.sosc.org/santaclarita)  
[www.sosc.org/trivalley](http://www.sosc.org/trivalley)

**Los Angeles & San Gabriel Valley**  
[www.sosc.org/losangeles](http://www.sosc.org/losangeles)  
[www.sosc.org/sgvregion](http://www.sosc.org/sgvregion)

**San Luis Obispo County**  
[www.sosc.org/sloc](http://www.sosc.org/sloc)

**Ventura County**  
[www.sosc.org/ventura](http://www.sosc.org/ventura)

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