




	OLYMPICS	PARALYMPICS	SPECIAL OLYMPICS
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Goal/Vision/Mission	"To contribute to building a peaceful and better world by educating young people through sport practised in accordance with Olympism and its values."	"To enable Paralympic athletes to achieve sporting excellence and inspire and excite the world."	"To provide year-round sports 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, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community."
Founded	International Olympic Committee established 23 June 1894 (Paris, France)	International Paralympic Committee established 22 Sept 1989 (Dusseldorf, Germany)	Special Olympics Inc. established 2 Aug 1968 (Washington, D.C., USA)
First Games	6 April 1896 (Athens, Greece)	18 September 1960 (Rome, Italy)	20 July 1968 (Chicago, Illinois, USA)
Sports Offered	35	27	32
Competitions/year	Olympic Games every other year	Paralympic Games every other year	81,000 competitions/year (including World Games every other year)
Founder	Pierre de Coubertin	Dr. Ludwig Guttmann	Eunice Kennedy Shriver
Current Leadership	Thomas Bach, President	Sir Philip Craven, President; Xavier Gonzalez, Chief Executive Officer	Mary Davis, Chief Executive Officer; Dr. Timothy P. Shriver, Chairman
Headquarters	Lausanne, Switzerland	Bonn, Germany	Washington, D.C., USA
Members	204 National Olympic Committees	176 National Paralympic Committees	226 Special Olympics Programs*
Next International Summer Games	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 2016	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 2016	Los Angeles, USA 2015
Athlete Participation (from most recent international Summer Games)	10,500 athletes from 204 countries in 26 sports (London, UK, 2012)	4,302 athletes from 164 countries in 20 sports (London, UK, 2012)	6,758 athletes from 169 countries in 22 sports (Athens, Greece, 2011)
Next International Winter Games	PyeongChang, South Korea 2018	PyeongChang, South Korea 2018	Graz and Schladming, Austria, 2017
Athlete Participation (from most recent international Winter Games)	2,800 athletes from 88 countries in 15 sports (Sochi, Russia 2014)	547 athletes from 45 countries in 5 sports (Sochi, Russia 2014)	2,180 athletes from 109 countries in 7 sports (PyeongChang, South Korea, 2013)
Sources:	www.olympic.org	www.paralympic.org	www.specialolympics.org

* Special Olympics' 226 Programs are located in 170 countries