

SPECIAL OLYMPICS	OLYMPICS	PARALYMPICS
<p>Olympic-type sports for persons who are classified as having an intellectual disability.</p> <p>Athletes may also have a physical disability, but first classification = ID</p>	<p>Olympic sports for elite sportspeople</p>	<p>Elite sports for persons with a disability – principally a physical or sensory disability</p> <p>Impairment Classifications = Athletes with Cerebral Palsy (CPISRA), Athletes with Spinal Cord Lesion, Spina Bifida and Polio (ISMWSF), Athletes with Blindness (IBSA) and Athletes with Les Autres or Amputations (ISOD)</p>
<p>Athletes of all ages are catered for:</p> <p>Minimum age for entering competition = 8 yrs</p> <p>NO upper limit – in 1987 there was a 70+ yr old Swedish Level I artistic gymnast</p>	<p>Age of athletes vary according to sport, but few very young or old athletes</p>	<p>Age of athletes vary according to sport but few young or older athletes</p>
<p>All ability groups are included in the sports competition</p>	<p>Elite athletes only – entry standards</p>	<p>Elite athletes only – entry standards</p>
<p>Year-Round Training and Competition</p>	<p>Year-Round Training and Competition</p>	<p>Centralized training prior to competition</p>
<p>Every athlete receives recognition for all events</p>	<p>Only first three are recognized</p>	<p>Only first three are recognized</p>



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Some events have been adapted to meet ability levels of athletes	Regular standardized competition	Some events have been adapted to meet ability levels of athletes
Summer and Winter World Games every 4 years – First International Summer Games in 1968, Chicago, USA; First International Winter Games in 1977, Colorado, USA	Summer and Winter Olympic Games every 4 years – First Modern Olympics held in 1896, in Athens, Greece; Winter Olympic Games in Chamonix, France in 1924	Summer Paralympic Games one month after Olympic Games – begun in 1988 after Seoul Olympic Games
Independent organization and structure	Government supported	Government supported
Competition Levels: - School- Local, Area/District - State/Province, National - Regional, International	International Only	State, National, Regional and International

