



Special Olympics



Philosophy of the Special Olympics in the Network of the Olympic Games

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Olympic Games

World known phenomenon

In CZ: General population

- spectators, TV fans
- Incentive of olympic parks,
- **Commerce,**
- **Etc, etc**

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Pierre de Coubertin

WHAT IS OLYMPICS NETWORK ???






Special Olympics



José Antonio Samaranch



-  Paralympics – PD – Sir Ludwig Guttman
1960 // 1988
-  Deaflympics - HD - board 1924
-  *Speciální olympiáda*
Česká republika Special Olympics - MD/ID - 1968
1988

Network - according time



	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
OH 	 Athény		 Torino		 Peking		 Vancouver		 Londýn		 Soči		 Rio	
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Deaf 		 Melbourne		 Salt Lake City		 Tchaj-wan		 0 - Tatry		 Sofia		 Magnitogorsk		 Sa
SO Speciální olympiáda Česká republika		 Nagano		 Šanghaj		 Idaho		 Athény		 Pchjong Chang		 Los Angeles		 So m



General principles



- Participation on the basis of the minimum disability level rules;
- Fair play behavior and compliance with the Charter on Ethics in Sport;
- The four-year cycle for summer and winter games;
- Logo and branding, not identical to the OG ;
- Ceremonies: Olympic Torch, opening – closing – promises of the athlete's and referee's ;
- Awarding ceremonies based on the principle either normality or relativity;
- Accompanying cultural or educational programs.



PARTICIPATION

The principle of the minimal disability level

- PD - functional classification. The role of the classifiers
- HD - minimum 55dcb loss on a "better" ear
- VD - B1, B2, B3
- MD - (Inas II & SO) IQ lower than 75 p.

Long-term discussion

Ethical problem

Principles: NORMATIVE - relative



"normative" approach :

PARA - BLIND - DEAF - Inas II

- limits,
- exclusion,
- winners (3),



Bio-physiology potential	Technical potential	Kognitive potential	Dynamic (emot.-mot.)
Somatotyp anthropometry	Skills (individual)	concentration	Affective stability
Physical - physiological	More time	anticipation Readiness imagery	motivation
		Problem solving Decision making	effort
YES	CAN LEARN	CANNOT LEARN	WEAK

SO Philosophy



- 1. SO – for all participants of different diagnosis, intensity or origin of mental disability**
- 2. Olympic sport or modifications, „divisioning” related to abilities**
- 3. Awarding ceremony for everybody in final**
- 4. Criteria for Athlete Advancement: previous competition and random draw**
- 5. No fee, no material award**
- 6. Athletes are not representatives of country but – SO national program**
- 7. Obligation of SO: development of official complimentary programs**

Principles: normative - RELATIVE



Special Olympics: the formation of the final groups based on the results from the qualification, which is one day or two before the final. There is no normative exclusion here, but everyone goes into the final with respect to gender, age and achievement (divisioning).

Discussion: MER

principle of maximum effort rule

Olympic sports



Olympic sports – international rules





Olympics - modification



1. **Olympic sport – events** (50m walk, mini-javelin, softball throw, floorhockey, etc)



MODIFICATIONS 2



Adapted sports // events - based on simply motor tests, 2 tasks maximum



Unified sports



Athletes – partners

video



Restrictions

relating to competitions

- **No fees for participation**
- **No connections with tobacco & alcohol producers**
- **No smoking & drinking during competitions**
- **No national flags**
- **No commercial messages**

50 years anniversary in 2018



CZ SO based on volunteering

- 9 summer – 4 winter sport (*adapted – team*)
- Coaches – volunteers education
- Connection with universities (6 in official agreement)
- Healthy Athlete programs
- Healthy Community



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Health

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Česká republika
Golfové

Special Olympics
Healthy Athletes

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PLZEŇ

Thank you !

2003 Dublin - video



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