



PROCLAMATION

Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia AND FIBA Europe

- WHEREAS, FIBA Europe is an organization whose main mission supports the athletic endeavors in Europe in the sport of basketball; and
- WHEREAS, FIBA Europe is an organization committed to expanding opportunities in basketball to all interested people;
- WHEREAS, under the structure of FIBA

 Europe, basketball players offer inspiration
 to all citizens in Europe as symbols of
 excellence and achievement; and
- WHEREAS, when players from different cultures and nationalities compete together, any differences of opinion, belief, and territory are set aside in favor of a common pursuit and appreciation of sport;
- NOW, therefore, FIBA EUROPE, hereby proclaim our unanimous support and affinity for SPECIAL OLYMPICS EUROPE/EURASIA and all its players whose extraordinary courage on and off the court represent the true spirit of sportsmanship.

- WHEREAS, the mission of Special Olympics
 Europe/Eurasia is to provide year-round
 sports training and competition in a variety
 of Olympic-style sports for children and
 adults with mental handicaps; and
- WHEREAS, in countries throughout the region, Special Olympics athletes train and compete in basketball, striving for unprecedented merit; and
- WHEREAS, Special Olympics athletes offer inspiration to all citizens through their accomplishments and dedication; and
- WHEREAS, the spirit of Special Olympics skill, courage, acceptance and joy transcends boundaries of geography, nationality, political philosophy, gender, age, race or religion;
- NOW, therefore, SPECIAL OLYMPICS
 EUROPE/EURASIA obtains the
 unanimous support of FIBA EUROPE,
 and conveys this to all our athletes and
 supporters with the purpose of enhancing
 the sport of basketball.

"LET ME WIN. BUT IF I CANNOT WIN, LET ME BE BRAVE IN THE ATTEMPT."

SPECIAL OLYMPICS OATH

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