

# SPECIAL OLYMPICS OATH

*Let me win,  
but if I cannot win,  
let me be brave in  
the attempt.*



The Blues Golf Team

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# Meet The Blues



The 2003 Blues Basketball Team



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# Who Are The Blues?

Special Olympics-The Blues team was organized in 1998 and has since grown into one of the largest teams in the Twin Cities metro area. The athletes live mainly in Bloomington, Minnetonka, Edina, Plymouth and Eden Prairie.

As part of Special Olympics Minnesota, we offer year round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for individuals with mental disabilities. The Blues offers training in downhill skiing, basketball, swimming, athletics (track and field), golf and bowling. The athletes begin competing at age 8 and can remain on the team for the rest of their lives.

Parents and volunteers share their time and talents as coaches and assistants to support our team. The Blues goal is to continue to offer a year-round sports program that builds self-esteem, physical fitness and life



long friendships. The Blues team is managed by a Local Sports Management Team (LSMT) which is accountable to Special Olympics Minnesota The Blues team, as well as their parents and caregivers.



## Volunteers

The Blues Team thrives today because of the time, energy and commitment of our volunteers and coaches. Volunteers receive training in basic orientation to Special Olympics while our volunteer coaches receive sports-specific Special Olympics coach certification. Volunteers create lifelong friendships with athletes and make a difference in our athletes lives by helping them to succeed in their athletic goals.



## Special Olympics Athletes

- Gain self confidence
- Develop a positive self image
- Create lasting friendships
- Experience the joy of accomplishment
- Work to improve their physical, social and psychological well being

## Funding

The Blues do not receive any state or federal funding. The cost of equipment, facility rental, uniforms, and competition fees are paid through the generous donations we receive from our families and our community. One hundred percent of the funds donated to The Blues directly supports our athletes. All coaches volunteer their services to make the team a success. All tax deductible donations can be made out to Special Olympics Minnesota-The Blues Team and mailed to:

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## 2003 Special Olympics World Games



The Blues team is excited to announce that two of our female golf athletes have been chosen to represent the State of Minnesota in the 2003 Special Olympics World Games which will be held June 2003 in Dublin, Ireland.



**Congratulations Girls!**  
**Go Blues!**