



MADISON COUNTY CHALLENGER

BASEBALL

For Kids and Adults With Physical and/or Mental Disabilities

Kids that have physical and/or mental disabilities can play baseball on a team in the Madison County Challenger Baseball League. We're looking for kids and adults who want to play baseball.

The Madison County Challenger Baseball League is open to any player from ages 5 on up who has a developmental disability.

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The most fundamental goal of Challenger Baseball is to **make friends**. As our players make friends, we also play some baseball. Each player will bat every inning, and each player will play in the

field. No score is kept and nobody is ever out. Beyond following basic safety rules, Challenger will adjust certain rules to the skill levels of the children

playing. (For instance, players can be pitched to by a coach, or they can hit from a batting tee.)

Challenger Baseball also provides for a "buddy" system (buddies are the main reason our players have fun!). Our buddies are young volunteers, between the ages of 10 and 20, who don't have a disability. The main goal for our buddies is to make friends as they assist our players on the field. For instance, buddies can push players who use wheelchairs around the bases after a hit, or help a player get a ball that gets past him or her. If you know someone who might want to be a buddy for Challenger Baseball, we could really use them at any game (or games!).

Challenger Baseball participants learn how it feels to pull together as a team and to be cheered. All Challenger players will receive trophies at the end-of-the-season picnic. Parents that have children playing Challenger Baseball have noticed marked improvement in their children's self-esteem, confidence, attention span, learning ability and physical skills.

The 2017 Madison County Challenger Baseball season starts Saturday, April 22nd at 10:30 a.m. at the Winston Brown Rec. Complex, 1325 Schiller Ave. in Edwardsville (the Rotary and Jaycee Fields). Registration is \$25 per player, but if this is not possible at this time, don't worry about it. Register online at www.challengerbaseball.org, or send your registration form anyway and come on out.

For more information on Madison County Challenger Baseball, please email Lori at kier02@msn.com or call 618-531-0619, or register at www.challengerbaseball.org

MAIL THIS REGISTRATION FORM TO: MADISON COUNTY CHALLENGER BASEBALL, 7508 STONEBRIDGE DR, MARYVILLE, IL 62062; OR REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.CHALLENGERBASEBALL.ORG.

REGISTRATION FORM

Player's Name(s) _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Parents/Guardians _____ Player's Birthday _____

Address _____ Registration Fee (\$25)

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone number _____

I have a uniform already | Exchange old uniform for jersey size ____ pants size ____ | New player uniform jersey size ____ pants size ____

I understand that photos and/or video of the above player, myself or my family, taken as we participate in St. Louis Challenger Baseball or related activities, may be used for publicity purposes.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____