



# FARMINGTON CHALLENGER

# BASEBALL

*For Kids With Physical and/or Mental Disabilities*

**K**ids that have physical and/or mental disabilities can play baseball on a team in the Farmington Challenger Baseball League. We're looking for kids who want to play baseball.

The Farmington Challenger Baseball League is open to any player from age 5 on up who has a developmental disability. Teams will play other teams with the same skill level.

Challenger players will play on the same fields, use the same equipment and wear the same uniforms (including jerseys, pants, socks and hats) as traditional teams.

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 Challenger Baseball season in Farmington starts Saturday, May 6th at 9 a.m.** at the Elks field. Registration is \$25 per player, but if this is not possible at this time, don't worry about it. Send your registration form anyway and come on out.

**For more information on Farmington Challenger Baseball, please call 573-915-1061, or email [buck@challengerbaseball.org](mailto:buck@challengerbaseball.org), or visit [www.challengerbaseball.org](http://www.challengerbaseball.org)**

**MAIL THIS REGISTRATION FORM (EVEN IF YOU'VE PLAYED BEFORE) TO: FARMINGTON CHALLENGER BASEBALL, 3071 COUNTRYSIDE DRIVE, FARMINGTON, MO 63640; OR REGISTER ONLINE AT [WWW.CHALLENGERBASEBALL.ORG](http://WWW.CHALLENGERBASEBALL.ORG)**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Player's Name(s)	E-MAIL ADDRESS		
Parents/Guardians	Player's Birthday		
Address	Registration Fee (\$25) <input type="checkbox"/>		
City	State	ZIP	Phone number
<input type="checkbox"/> I have a uniform already   Exchange old uniform for jersey size ___ pants size___   <b>NEW PLAYER:</b> 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
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