



# WASHINGTON COUNTY CHALLENGER

# BASEBALL



*For People With Physical and/or Mental Disabilities*

**P** *people that have physical and/or mental disabilities can play baseball on a team in the Washington County Challenger*

*Baseball League. We're looking for people who want to make friends while having fun playing baseball.*

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

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 a big 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.

**Check the website at [www.challengerbaseball.org](http://www.challengerbaseball.org) for schedule and location. Registration is \$25 per player (make checks out to St. Louis Challenger baseball) but if this does not work with your budget, don't worry about it. Register anyway and come on out!**

**Register anytime at [challengerbaseball.org](http://challengerbaseball.org).**  
For more information on Washington County Challenger Baseball, please call (573) 854-3414, or email [wcmochallengerbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:wcmochallengerbaseball@gmail.com)

**MAIL THIS REGISTRATION FORM (EVEN IF YOU'VE PLAYED BEFORE) TO: WASHINGTON COUNTY CHALLENGER BASEBALL, 14788 WASHINGTON 9246, CLARKSVILLE, MO 63336; OR REGISTER ONLINE AT 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"/> have a uniform already		Exchange old uniform for jersey size ___ pants size ___		
<b>NEW PLAYER:</b> 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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