District 6 Challenger Baseball is entering its 15th season! Interested in playing?



WHAT IS CHALLENGER?

The Challenger Division, a separate and unique unit of Little League Baseball, was created as a means of allowing children and young adults with special needs to directly participate in this wonderful sport. It is open to any individual for whom conventional Little League would pose too great a challenge. Over our many seasons, we have never turned a player away for any reason. Peer volunteers play the role of "buddies" on the field, assisting players and allowing parents of kids with special needs a rare opportunity to simply sit back and enjoy watching their children.

Our teams are organized around ability, as opposed to age, and we encourage players to participate the best they can - both at bat and in the field. Value is placed not only on learning foundational skills, but on effort, perseverance, sportsmanship, teamwork and, primarily, on having fun! A ceremony is held at the end of every season to honor our players' hard work and progress and to celebrate not only the great baseball we have witnessed, but the warm and incredible community (of players, buddies, and families) that has continued to grow and flourish over the course of many years.

WHEN ARE GAMES PLAYED?

Games are played on Sundays, from late March through mid-June, at Challenger Field in Palisades Park. There are two games each afternoon. The first has an arrival time of 12:30 (warm up); play begins at 1:00. This game is for our players in greater need of assistance; each player has a one-on-one buddy who remains with them throughout their time on the field. The latter game (2:00 arrival, 2:30 start) involves our older and more independent players; a visiting District 6 team usually joins us. There is lesser need for assistance during this game.



District 6 Challenger would love to have you on board! If you are interested in joining one of our games, please complete and return the appropriate form.

Registration forms and additional information can be found at <u>D6Challenger.com</u>. Forms can be returned to D6 Challenger, PO Box 366, Edgewater, NJ 07020; via email to <u>D6Challenger@gmail.com</u>; or simply brought to our first game (though we do ask that you let us know to expect you!).

If you have any questions, feel free to call Ita Saldana at 646 808 7101, Elisa Cruz at 201 240 5422, or email us at D6Challenger@gmail.com. We hope to see you soon!