



Shrewsbury Little League **Challenger Division Baseball**

What is the Little League Challenger Program?

The Little League Challenger Program is Little League's adaptive baseball program for individuals with physical and intellectual challenges. Buddy volunteers are on the field to assist the players.

Who can participate in the Little League Challenger Program?

Any individual with a physical or intellectual challenge may participate, if an individual can participate in the traditional Little League Baseball or Softball program with reasonable accommodations they should do so. The Little League Challenger Division accommodates players ages 4-18, or up to age 22 if still enrolled in school.

Is there a cost to participate in the Challenger Program?

NO, It is **FREE** to participate. If you have any questions please contact Chip Collins at 508- 284-4003 or email chip.f.collins@gmail.com

What rules are followed during a Challenger game?

Flexibility and adaptability is key during Challenger games. Little League provides all chartered teams with a rulebook that includes a best practices guide to operating a Challenger Game. Typically games are 1-2 innings long and last about an hour. All players play defensively and bat every inning.

What are "Buddies" and what role do they have in the Challenger Division?

The role of a Challenger Buddy during game play is to protect the Challenger player and to assist in any way necessary. Buddies are individuals who assist Challenger athletes in the areas of batting, base running and defense, as needed.

Requirements for Buddies:

- Buddies/volunteers are needed for this program at a 1:1 ratio.
- We ask that buddies commit to coming to each practice and game
- We rely heavily on email for communication for this program so please make sure your contact info is accurate.
- Volunteers will be helping to teach players the sport. Volunteers must possess a lot of patience. No prior experience is necessary.

How do I sign my child up for the Challenger Division?

To register please go to <http://shrewsburylittleleague.sportssignup.com/site> or shrewsburylittleleague.com

Schedule:

This program is scheduled for to have practices in Tuesday evening's 5:30 to 7:00 at Dean Park Upper Dean Softball Field. Games are 10am on Saturday's

- May 13: Melican Middle School, Northborough
- May 20: Dean Park, Shrewsbury
- June 3: Windle Field, Millbury
- June 10: Dean Park, Shrewsbury
- June 17: Windle Field, Millbury
- June 24: Melican Middle School, Northborough; trophy day!