



## *Westborough Little League Challenger Division*

### **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.

### **What rules are followed during a Challenger game?**

Flexibility and adaptability are key during Challenger games. 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.
- 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?**

*Players and Buddies:* Please visit the Westborough Little League website [www.westborolittleleague.org](http://www.westborolittleleague.org) and click the Registration link

### **Schedule:**

This program is scheduled to have practice 1 night per week and games on Saturday mornings usually between 10-12.

### **Questions:**

If you have any questions, please call/text Mike Leary at 617-957-4866 or email [Challenger@westborolittleleague.org](mailto:Challenger@westborolittleleague.org)