

2012

Challenger Baseball REGISTRATION

The Challenger Division provides boys and girls with physical or mental disabilities, ages 5 to 18 (or the completion of high school), an opportunity to play baseball regardless of their limitations. This Division of the League is a supervised, volunteer based, non-competitive structured athletic program. Many special needs children have few opportunities to play side by side with non-challenged peers. In establishing an inclusive baseball program, we are providing a positive, fun setting with role models for age appropriate behavior. This helps to build self-esteem, confidence and acceptance as well as helping to establish strong on-going bonds of friendship and understanding between Little Leaguers and Challenger children in an environment of sharing and caring. While providing the opportunity to socialize, the children learn proper cooperative behaviors such as taking turns, sorting out problems, game strategy, independence, sportsmanship and working together as a team. All games are non-competitive and played on a once a week schedule. The season will be kicked off with an opening ceremony. All players will receive a full uniform, the necessary equipment to safely play the game, team pictures and a closing ceremony to include an award at the end of the season.

REGISTER ONLINE NOW!

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PAID
permit # 29
Bethpage, NY

Bethpage Baseball
PO BOX 721
Bethpage, New York 11714

Where everyone gets to play!

2012 CHALLENGER



**SEASON
APRIL 28 TO JUNE 23**

DESIGNED FOR Kids 5 - 18

**Register online at:
bethpagebaseball.org**

**Baseball and Softball for
EVERYONE!**

**EVERYONE MUST PRE-REGISTER
ONLINE.
YOU MAY PAY ONLINE
OR
IN PERSON.**

Registration Fees

Fees: \$50 per player

*(you **MUST** register online, you may pay via check)*

**Please make checks payable to:
Bethpage Baseball**

In Person Registration Date

(Everyone Must Pre-register online)

Thursday January 19th, 2012

Bethpage Ice Rink

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Volunteers needed

Bethpage Baseball is a volunteer-based program. In order to maintain a successful program, it is encouraged that parents take an active role in the League. If interested, visit the volunteer page at www.bethpagebaseball.org

**Bethpage
BASEBALL**

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- Children with Physical or Mental Disabilities can play regardless of limitations
- Non-Competitive Games
- Volunteer Assistance through “Buddy” System
- Uniforms for all Players
- Team Pictures
- Opening & Closing Ceremonies
- Awards for all Players.

One of the most positive aspects of **The Challenger Division** is a volunteer program that uses “buddies” during play. A buddy can be a Little League Baseball player, friend, brother or sister, relative or even a parent. Buddies help assist their Challenger partner on the field with any aspect of the game. They may help push wheelchair-bound children around the field, they might help hold the bat so a player can hit the ball, they may assist in catching the ball, they may assist in throwing the ball or they may just be there to lend support. This interaction has proven to be a positive mutually rewarding experience for all the children involved as the Challenger players enjoy the thrill of participation and their “buddies” experience first-hand the challenges these children face in their daily lives. The volunteer program also serves as a respite for those parents of special needs children and allows them to watch their children enjoy the game of baseball.

Funding for the Challenger Division comes from registration fees, contributions, sponsorships and fund raising. The financing needed supplements the cost of uniforms, equipment, awards, training, storage, advertising, special events and mailings.