



Northborough Little League

Challenger Baseball

The Challenger Division of Little League is a program for developmentally and physically challenged youth, helping them to enjoy the full benefits of Little League participation in an athletic environment structured to their abilities. More than the skills of baseball learned through the experience, the value of the Little League Challenger Division is found in the proven therapeutic and socialization benefits of participating in sports; the strengthening of participants' self-esteem; the opportunities to mainstream into other divisions of play and the disciplines of teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play, which are hallmarks of the Little League program.

The Little League Challenger Division provides the framework so Little League programs may offer a structured, athletic activity for all youth in their communities. Playing with the same equipment on the same fields, Challenger Division participants have the opportunity to experience the joys of pulling together as a team, being cheered, and earning awards for their achievements.

Who qualifies for the Challenger program?

The Challenger Division offers boys and girls with physical and developmental challenges, ages 6 to 18 (or the completion of high school), the opportunity to participate in an organized game of baseball. The most fundamental goal of the Challenger Division is to give everyone a chance to play. You do not have to be a Northborough Resident to participate.

How much does it cost to operate a Challenger program?

The cost for your child to participate is free. In order to run the Challenger program we must raise funds through local support. If you know of anyone interested in sponsoring a team, please contact the Recreation Department at 508-393-5034

The Special Rules of the Challenger Division

All children ages 6 through 18, with physical or mental disabilities are encouraged to participate. Level of play based upon player's size, age and skill level are recommended where numbers allow. Every player on the roster is in the batting order and shall play defensively for the entire game. The side is retired when the offense has batted through the roster. No score will be kept during games. Challenger Division players wear the same uniforms, shoulder patches, and safety equipment as other Little Leaguers.

How do I sign my child up for Northborough Little League Challenger Baseball?

Registration is open as of March 10 at the Northborough Youth Little League Website at www.northborobaseballsoftball.org

If you have any questions, please contact Allie Lane at Northborough Recreation at 508-393-5034.

District 5 Opening Day is May 4

District 5 Opening Day is scheduled Sunday, May 4, 12-3pm at Memorial Field, Northborough

Tentative Schedule

This program is tentatively scheduled to run on Tuesdays starting in April, with practices being held at Melican Middle School.

Schedules will be created based on enrollment/number of teams and children participating.