

King George Little League Challengers Baseball

Challenger Division

The Challenger's Division was developed by Little League Baseball to provide youngsters with physical and mental disabilities the opportunity to play baseball on their own level.

Although the rules for the Challenger Division differ greatly from those of conventional Little League play, the fundamental philosophy and goals for both programs are identical: to enable every Little League program to offer a structured athletic activity for every child in the community; and to develop the disciplines of teamwork, citizenship, and fair play that are the hallmarks of Little League Baseball.

Playing with the same equipment on the same fields, Challenger Division participants learn not only the fundamentals of baseball but also how it feels to be just like the other children - pulling together as a team, being cheered, and earning awards for their achievements.



Buddy System

The structure of the Challenger Division also provides for a "buddy system" in which volunteers can assist disabled children both at bat and in the field. For instance, buddies can push wheelchair-bound players around the base paths after a hit, or retrieve balls that get past a fielder.

Children who act as buddies also benefit by learning to be more understanding and tolerant of youngsters with disabilities.



The Players are coached by volunteers who teach the fundamentals of baseball with a great deal of patience and understanding.

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Established in 1995, the team has grown steadily but still remains the only active team within Little League District 15, which is comprised of King George, Westmoreland, Caroline, Northumberland & Prince William counties. The King George Challenger Program covers these areas as well as Stafford and Spotsylvania counties, and the city of Fredericksburg.

The Challenger Program is open to any child with a physical or mental disability between the ages of 5 and 22, or until they have completed school.

The players are provided the same uniforms, shoulder patches, and equipment as other Little Leaguers.

The team practices in King George but plays games with teams from Maryland and at the Challenger Tournament in Norfolk, VA.



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