



Shoreline Buddy Baseball

(A Challenger Division of Little League International)

The Shoreline Buddy Baseball Program is The Challenger Division of Little League International. It 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 is 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 and the disciplines of teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play, which are hallmarks of the Little League program. Playing with the same equipment on the same fields, Shoreline Buddy Baseball participants have the opportunity to experience the joys of pulling together as a team, being cheered, and earning awards for their achievements.

The Challenger Division was established in 1989 as a separate division of Little League International to enable boys and girls with physical and mental challenges, ages 4-18, or up to age 22 if still enrolled in high school, to enjoy the game of baseball along with the millions of other children who participate in this sport worldwide. Today, more than 30,000 children participate in more than 900 Challenger Divisions worldwide.