



# Dale City Little League Challenger Baseball

“Little League’s Adaptive Baseball Program for individuals with physical and intellectual challenges”

The Challenger Division is Little League’s Adaptive Baseball Program for individuals with physical and/or intellectual challenges, ages 5 to 40, an opportunity to play baseball regardless of their limitations. This affords these individuals the opportunity to experience the emotional development and fun of playing Little League Baseball. This Division of Little League is a supervised, volunteer based, non-competitive structured athletic program. It is sanctioned and insured by Little League Headquarters in Williamsport, PA. Inaugurated in 1989, Challenger Baseball is chartered by the United States Congress as an educational program.

All players will receive a full uniform, the necessary equipment to safely play the game, team pictures and a closing ceremony.

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. We are always looking for volunteers from within the community that are willing to come to the games and partner up with the challenger players as a Buddy.

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

The Challenger Division is Little Leagues way of providing new opportunities for individuals with disabilities to enjoy the game of baseball.

## Dates to Remember:

- Challenger Camp, Sun, Mar 29, Dale City Rec Center
- Opening Ceremony, Sat, Apr 18th, Easterly Field
- 1st Regular Season Game, Sun, Apr 12th, Dale City Rec Center
- Challenger Jamboree, May 8-10, VA Beach
- End of the Season Team Party, Sun, Jun 7th

## Registration Info

- Registration is available **exclusively** online at: [www.dalecitylittleleague.com](http://www.dalecitylittleleague.com)
- The registration fee is \$95

For additional information contact: Michelle Slaughter  
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Many individuals with special needs have very few opportunities to play side by side with their non-challenged peers. Challenger Baseball allows them the opportunity to socialize, and learn proper cooperative behaviors such as taking turns, sorting out problems, game strategies, independence, sportsmanship and working together as a team.

One of the most positive aspects of the Challenger Division is a volunteer program that uses “buddies” during play. 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 and encouragement. This interaction has proven to be a positive mutually rewarding experience for all the individuals involved as the Challenger players enjoy the thrill of participation and their “buddies” experience first-hand the challenges these individuals 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.

We are looking for volunteers from within the community that are willing to come to the games and partner up with our challenger players as a “Buddy”. If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact Michelle Slaughter at 703-615-8487 or via email at [VP-Challengers@dalecitylittleleague.com](mailto:VP-Challengers@dalecitylittleleague.com). We are willing to take whatever you are willing to give, you do not have to commit to every game in order to be a “Buddy”.

Game start times may be subject to change.

## 2026 Draft Dale City Little League Spring Challenger Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location
12 Apr	Sun	2:00 pm	Sunday Game	Rec Center Fields
18 Apr	Sat	4:00 pm	Saturday Game	Rec Center Fields
19 Apr	Sun	2:00 pm	Sunday Game	Rec Center Fields
26 Apr	Sun	2:00 pm	Sunday Game	Rec Center Fields
2 May	Sat	4:00 pm	Saturday Game	Rec Center Fields
3 May	Sun	2:00 pm	Sunday Game	Rec Center Fields
8-10 May			Challenger Jamboree	VA Beach, VA
17 May	Sun	2:00 pm	Sunday Game	Rec Center Fields
30 May	Sat	4:00 pm	Saturday Game	Rec Center Fields
31 May	Sun	2:00 pm	Sunday Game	Rec Center Fields
7 Jun	Sun	2:00 pm	Sunday Game	Rec Center Fields