

# A SPECIAL LEAGUE FOR SPECIAL PLAYERS

sponsored by the  
Challenger Division of the Monticello Little League



The Monticello Little League, located in Charlottesville, offers a Challenger Division for individuals ages 5 through 18 (as of July 31), or the completion of high school, who have special needs, either physical or mental. The Challenger program is an officially sponsored activity of Little League Baseball. It operates under the sanction of and under all the rules established by Little League Baseball. Since Monticello offers the only Challenger Division in the area, participants may reside anywhere in the city or surrounding counties.



Participants are issued uniforms, are placed on teams, and play games on standard baseball fields. Standard equipment is used except that a “flexiball” (official size but slightly softer) is used rather than a standard baseball. There is only one game per week, and it has traditionally been scheduled on Saturdays. The season typically begins in late March or early April and ends in early June with a picnic at which trophies are given to every player.

Fundamentals of baseball are taught; however, the rules are relaxed to ensure that participants have the maximum amount of fun. An inning consists of every player on each team batting once, scores are not kept, there are no outs, and a game consists of two or three innings. Players can have a “buddy” with them while on the field, who is usually a parent, sibling, friend, or coach. Player safety is a major concern! Players may either hit from a tee or be pitched to by a coach. Games are always tied at the end – “fun” to “fun”.

Simply stated, the goals of the Challenger program are for the participants to learn something about baseball, learn about sportsmanship, have the experience of being on an organized team, and have a great time!

There is a registration fee; however, scholarships are available. To learn more about the Challengers, obtain a registration form, or volunteer to help, please call 434-977-4404 or email your request to [tcc@Virginia.EDU](mailto:tcc@Virginia.EDU).

