



The Challenger Little League

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TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

~Kelly Randels Coleman, President

Welcome to the **2016** season of Challenger Little League Baseball! We are pleased to announce that this is our 26th year and we cannot wait to get started with this season. The \$35 registration fee has been waived this season... athletes will play for FREE! It costs about \$9,000 per season for Challenger, this breaks down to \$45ish per athlete. If you have a minute, thank our sponsors! ☺

This is my fourth year as President of the Board for Challenger Little League. Being a part of this Little League has offered me new and inspiring friendships, not only for me but also for my son, Cody, and our entire family. I hope that this league has made as big of an impact on your life and your child(ren) lives' as well.

I would like to thank the coaches and the assistant coaches. You make a HUGE difference, not just in the athlete's life but also in the lives' of their families.

Thank you to the parent(s) for signing up your child(ren) and for getting them to the numerous games.

Thank you to each volunteer for volunteering your time and for making an impact in so many people's lives. For more information regarding volunteer opportunities, please visit our website at www.challengerlittleleague.org.

On our website, (www.challengerlittleleague.org), you will find all the necessary forms, contact information, as well as any rainout or game cancellation postings.

We are continually looking for new and updated photos of our teams. Feel free to share your photos from this upcoming season so that we may post them on our website for all families to enjoy. You may send your photos via email to c1lomaha@yahoo.com

I would like to thank the corporate sponsors who have continued to be more than generous with their continued support again this year. Without these corporate donations, Challenger Little League would not be the success it is today. Also, through the continued support from our families, community and volunteers, Challenger is able to provide local youth with disabilities the opportunity to play fun, organized baseball. Please take a little time to thank the many sponsors and volunteers who have helped make Challenger Little League a huge success. Feel free to contact us with any questions or comments at any time.

Let's Play Ball!

What is Challenger Little League?

Challenger is a non-profit organization providing opportunities in Little League baseball to youth ages 6-21 with cognitive and physical disabilities.

What is the Alumni League?

The Alumni League is a separate league that provides young adults with cognitive and physical disabilities over 21 years old the opportunity to continue to play baseball beyond Little League.

Challenger Information

Information Number: (402)558-0031 Email: c1lomaha@yahoo.com

Website: www.challengerlittleleague.org

Website will be updated to reflect rainouts, schedules and other information.

Liking our page on facebook is another great way to stay connected and updated! On facebook, search "Challenger Little League of Omaha & Surrounding Areas" and "like" us.

*****Coaches Corner*****

Equipment will be handed out and a short meeting will take place for coaches on Saturday, April 23rd at 10:00 a.m. at the ACN (Autism Center of NE)

9012 Q Street, Omaha, 68127.

It should only take about 1/2 an hour. If you are unable to attend or are in need of additional equipment, please contact Bruce Fields, brf500@gmail.com or

Jason Green, jason.green.home@gmail.com

Assistant coaches do not need to attend at this time.

Uniforms

Proper attire for every game is important. Players should wear tennis shoes (no cleats allowed!) and long white pants. Why are long pants important? For protection when sliding, uniformity, and a team approach. After all, we are baseball teams! Many of us probably have an outgrown pair of white pants in the closet. If you're wondering what to do with them you can bring them to the Opening Ceremonies and give them to a Board Member. We'll share with someone in need who might not be able to buy a pair.

Picture Day!

Mark your calendars, picture day will be **May 15th!**

Check with your coach to find out what time your team's pictures will be taken.

It's Not Too Late!

Haven't registered to play ball yet? It's not too late. We still have some openings available. Please email Kelly Coleman for a registration. She can be reached at kellycoleman08@gmail.com

Minor, Major and Senior Teams start May 1st

Alumni Teams start April 24th

Opening Day Ceremonies

Sunday, May 1st @ 5:30pm

on Field 5

Join us for the festivities!

Everyone is welcome!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR for Closing Ceremonies on
Sunday, July 10th... more information to come!**

Players - Haven't heard from your coach?



If you haven't received a phone call from your coach by **April 28th**, please contact Kelly Coleman at kellycoleman08@gmail.com

Reminder: We are extremely grateful to Keystone Little League for the use of their fields. Please remember to pick up any trash after your games. We also remind you that dogs are not allowed at the ball park. ~Thank You.~



Rain Out Information

Rain out decisions will be made an hour and a half before a game, thus by **5:00pm** on weekday games and **2:00pm** on Sundays. Keystone's fields dry out very quickly and we can often play even if there is rain during the day. The weather is unpredictable, sometimes games cannot be called until game time due to fast moving weather. We do not make up rainouts except under exceptional circumstances. If there is not a message on our phone system at that time, it means that all games will be played as scheduled. We will try our very best to stay on top of the weather. However, please keep in mind that weather does not always affect the entire Metro area.

You can find out rain out information four ways...

Call (402)558-0031

Check the website www.challengerlittleleague.org

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