

A realistic illustration of a baseball with red stitching on a white surface.

North Miami Beach Little League

INC.

2017 Baseball Buddies

A Challenger League Program

Registration Packet

Dear parents:

We are very excited to share with you the return of *Baseball Buddies*, a program organized by North Miami Beach Little League ("NMBLL"). *Baseball Buddies* pairs experienced NMBLL players with youth who have special needs or haven't had the confidence to participate in NMBLL in the past. Participants must be between the ages of 4 to 18 (or 22 if enrolled in high school).

The scheduled dates are October 1, 8, 15 and 22, and November 5 and 12. We will be focusing on skills, drills, and teaching the basics of the game of baseball. Also, we will have informal game play in order to allow players to experience the thrill of participating in a team sport. The sessions will typically be held at around 10am at Pelican Park in Sunny Isles.

Every child will be assigned a "buddy", typically an 11-17 year old current or former member of NMBLL who loves baseball and wants to help others learn to love the game as well. These students will typically be participating as a community service project for school or a mitzvah project for their upcoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

While we wish to welcome all children with special needs, due to the fact that the buddies will also be children, we ask parents to use their discretion as to whether their child can attend and take direction to participate. Our goal is to accommodate every child if possible. We also ask that an adult for each child attend every session.

If you are interested in having your child participate as a player, please fill out the enclosed registration forms and return the forms and the registration fee as directed below. No child will be turned away due to the inability to pay.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at NMBbaseballbuddies@gmail.com. This account is monitored by us, the creators of baseball buddies, and we would like most questions to run through this email. However, if you wish to speak directly to an adult, please feel free to contact Ronni Bianco at rsbianco@fggbb.com.

We would love to have as many players as possible so please spread the word about our program. We can't wait to see you on the field!

Grant and Jared

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for baseball in NMB Baseball Buddies, players must be between the ages of 5 and 18.

UNIFORM

Participants will need to bring a glove and wear sneakers or non-metal baseball cleats. We will supply jerseys and hats. Children may wear shorts or baseball pants. We will not be teaching sliding, so long pants are not required.

We provide a team jersey and hat for every player. Please use the table of size equivalents below to fill out the jersey sizes on the registration form:

| Uniform size | Youth Small | Youth Medium | Youth Large | Adult Small | Adult Medium | Adult Large | Adult X-Large | Adult XX-Large |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|
| Chest | 32/34 | 34/36 | 36/38 | 40/42 | 44/46 | 48/50 | 50/52 | 53/55 |

HOW TO REGISTER

To register, you must **submit the following**:

- Completed registration form and signed release
- Copy of child's birth certificate
- Signed parent and child code of conduct. With regard to the child code of conduct, the child's signature is not required. We just ask that parents discuss the code of conduct with their children as they believe appropriate.
- Registration fee. Checks should be made payable to "NMB Little League, Inc." The fee for the program is \$25. **No child will be turned away for inability to pay.**

Registration forms may be faxed (305/830-2605), sent by email (NMBbaseballbuddies@gmail.com) or mailed to:

NMB Baseball Buddies
Attn: Grant Bianco
21355 E. Dixie Highway
Suite 115
Aventura, FL 33180

If you fax or email the registration forms, please mail the registration fee to the above address.



North Miami Beach Little League, Inc. 2016 Challenger Player Registration Form

Player Information

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|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Player Name: | | Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) | |
| Player Address: | | | |
| City & Zip | | Gender (circle one) | M F |
| Player Home Phone: | | | |
| School: | | Grade: | |
| Uniform Jersey Size: | | | |

Medical Information

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|---|--|---------------|--|
| Emergency Contact: | | Phone: | |
| Relation to Player: | | | |
| Health Insurance Carrier: | | | |
| Primary Care Physician: | | Phone: | |
| Special Needs (Allergies, Medications, etc): | | | |
| Current on Tetanus? | | | |

Parent Information

| Mother | | Father | |
|---|--|--------------------|--|
| Name: | | Name: | |
| Address: | | Address: | |
| City: | | City: | |
| Zip: | | Zip: | |
| Home Phone: | | Home Phone: | |
| Work Phone: | | Work Phone: | |
| Cell Phone: | | Cell Phone: | |
| Occupation: | | Occupation: | |
| Other Special Requests or Information: _____ | | | |

Email information (please print clearly!)

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|-----------------------|--|
| Child's Email: | |
| Mother's Email | |
| Father's Email | |

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND MEDICAL RELEASE

1. I/We, the parents/guardians of the above-named candidate for a position on a Little League team, hereby give my/our approval to participate in any and all Little League Activities.

2. I/We know that participation in baseball or softball may result in serious injuries and protective equipment does not prevent all injuries to players, and do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless the local Little League, Little League Baseball, Incorporated, the organizers, sponsors, buddies, supervisors, participants, and persons transporting my/our child to and from activities from any claim arising out of any injury to my/our child whether the result of negligence or for any other cause. In the event of an emergency, if our family physician cannot be reached, I/we hereby authorize my child to be treated by Certified Emergency Personnel (e.g., EMT, First responder, ER Physician, etc.).

3. I/We agree that the league may use the provided email addresses to provide league communications. We understand that the League will *not* sell or otherwise provide our email addresses to other entities or persons without our express consent.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

North Miami Beach Little League Code of Conduct

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

As a condition to participating in Baseball Buddies, I/we:

- ✓ will remember that **children participate to have fun** and that the **game is for youth, not adults**.
- ✓ and our guests will be a **positive role model** for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and be demonstrating positive support for all players, buddies, volunteers and spectators at every game, practice, or event.
- ✓ and our guests will **not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct** with any players, buddies, volunteers and spectators such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
- ✓ will **respect the buddies** and their authority during games (they are children too!)
- ✓ will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition.
- ✓ will insist that my child treat other players, buddies, volunteers and spectators with respect
- ✓ will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- ✓ will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- ✓ will not encourage and behavior or practice that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

(These are general guidelines for parents to discuss with their children at the parent's discretion.)

In exchange for being allowed to play baseball with NMBLL, the player and his/her parents have discussed that the player:

- will show respect to all buddies, volunteers, players, and spectators and never act in a manner that would disrespect them, my teammates, my league, or myself.
- will display good sportsmanship.
- will not argue with or speak disrespectfully to a buddies, volunteers, or opposing player
- will make every effort to attend all scheduled practices and games
- will shake hands with the opposing team and the officials at the conclusion of a game

NMBLL Parent and Child Agreement

We have read the Codes of Conduct for Parents and for Players, and agree to abide by them.

Parent Date

Parent Date

Child (signature not necessary)