

## TRI-CITY CHALLENGER BASEBALL

The Tri-City Challenger Little League Association offers a baseball program specially designed for youth of the Tri-Cities area with physical, developmental and/or intellectual disabilities. Our program provides them with an opportunity to enjoy the full benefits of Little League participation in a fun, safe, non-competitive format and at a level structured to their abilities. Aside from the physical benefits that come with playing a sport, the Challenger program gives children with disabilities the opportunity to be part of a team, to develop their social skills and friendships, as well as build their self-esteem and confidence. That, of course, is why we put them in the spotlight, play at Coquitlam's premier field, have P.A. introductions, lively music, hotdogs and drinks after each game, individual and team photographs, wind-up parties, and occasional road trips just like the players in the competitive baseball program enjoy. If necessary, "Buddies" assist the Challengers run the bases, catch, throw, push wheelchairs, etc. Last year, we had 120 players on 8 teams, all outfitted with uniforms matching those used in the competitive baseball program. We play our games at Town Centre Park (North Stadium) at 10:30 Saturday mornings and at 6 pm on Tuesday evenings. Players are not required to come to every session, just when they feel like it. Our first game is on Saturday, April 11th at Town Centre Park (North Stadium) at 10:30 am. Come a little early to register, say about 10:00 am.

New players are always welcome. The registration fee is \$65 and there is a hardship fund for those needing financial assistance. If you require further information regarding our program, call the Challenger Coach/Coordinator John Casey at 604-939-9146 (home) or 604-939-2210 (work). If you can't make it Opening Day, please call John or just show up at the park at one of our game times, register and you can play immediately.

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WHERE EVERYONE IS A STAR