

## Town of Wappinger Little League, Challenger Division

### Little League Challenger Division

The Challenger Division was established in 1989 as a separate division of Little League to enable everyone with physical and mental challenges to enjoy the game of baseball along with the millions of other children who participate in this sport worldwide.

Teams are set up according to abilities, rather than age, and can include as many as 15-20 players. Challenger games can be played as tee ball games, coach pitch, player pitch, or a combination of the three. Two divisions of Challenger Baseball:

Senior League – ages 15-up          Junior League – ages 5-18 (22 if still enrolled in school)

### Wappinger Challenger League

Wappinger Challenger League was started in September 2005, by then 13 year old, Bettina Briccetti. Wappinger Challenger League is a division of Wappinger Little League. All games are played on the Challenger Field, located in the Wappinger Little League field complex 95 Robinson Lane, Wappinger. Challenger Baseball is played to the player's abilities.

### Playing the game

In a Challenger game, each player gets a chance to bat and play the field. Little League recommends that no score be kept during Challenger games. The Challenger players wear the same uniforms and safety equipment as other Little League players.

One of the benefits of having a Challenger Division is that it encourages the use of "buddies" for the Challenger players. The buddies assist the Challenger players on the field and encourage the players to bat and make plays themselves. However, the buddy is always nearby to help when needed.



Wappinger Challenger League has a state of the art rubberized field, making play easier for those with mobility challenges.

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