

## Who can play?

Miracle League “Buddies” ...  
who are they?

*It may very well be YOU.*

A Buddy is a person that has a little time on game day to share with some really terrific kids. The role of the Buddy is simple. You are there to assist, protect, and encourage. Miracle League players are great kids with special needs who have a variety of challenges and at times need a little extra help. You may assist a child around the bases, help them hit or field a ball. But your biggest responsibility is to have FUN with these kids. For many this will be their first experience in an organized team sport and something that they never thought that they would get to do.

The role of the “Buddy” is important. You are side-by-side with these kids, talking, laughing, protecting and most of all having fun.

Miracle League Coaches...  
who are they?

*It may very well be YOU.*

Being a Coach for the Miracle League is a little different than your traditional baseball program. At this point we will not have practices. You will be responsible for ensuring that the players receive their uniform and schedule. You will need to attend our mandatory training, provide team line-up to the umpire and announcer before each game, assist players where needed and insure that the game keeps moving. A coach for the Miracle League will need to be someone that is patient and understanding. The rules of our game are a little different. The Miracle League is about being a part of a team. Many of these kids have never had this opportunity. We can make a dream come true for many of these players who love the sport and have always wanted to take the field.

The role of the Coach is fun.

If I were to tell you about an organized youth baseball league, you might call it...**ORDINARY.**

However, If I were to tell you the athletes are physically and mentally challenged, you might call it...**TOUCHING**

But If you were to see them play you would call it .... **The Miracle League.**



***What is the Miracle League?  
It's Hope, Determination and  
a display of Human Spirit  
that is unequalled.  
And of course....there's baseball.***

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There is something about playing the game that lights up a youngster's eyes. But for children facing serious physical and mental disabilities that opportunity can often be difficult to achieve. Baseball diamonds weren't exactly designed with wheel chairs and crutches in mind. The Miracle League removes the barriers that keep children with mental and physical disabilities off the baseball field and lets them experience the joy of America's Favorite

pastime. Since the main barriers for these children arise from the natural grass fields used in conventional youth leagues, Miracle League teams play on a custom-designed, synthetic turf field that accommodates wheelchairs and other assistant devices while helping to prevent injuries. But it's more than playing a game.

The Miracle League is about making new friends, building self-esteem and being treated just like other kids. To help the athletes, The Miracle League uses a "buddy" system – pairing each player with an able-bodied peer. The result is a bond that cannot be described.

The Miracle League Association serves children between the ages of 4 and 19, who suffer from any physical or mental disabilities, which causes them to be excluded—whether intentionally or not—from conventional youth baseball leagues.

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[www.miracleleague.com](http://www.miracleleague.com)***

## Miracle League .....Fall 2006 REGISTRATION

Please make checks or money orders payable to *Miracle League and mail check and for to:*

**P.O. Box 7348 Little Rock, Arkansas 72217-7348**

For additional information please email...mccall7208@sbcglobal.net -c. 501-940-3405

fax 501-315-3467 **FEE: \$35.00** per player

\* Interested in being a "Buddy" \_\_\_\_\_ \* Interested in Coaching \_\_\_\_\_ \* Interested in Sponsorship \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please check one)

**Please print**

Player or Volunteers Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Work or Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

M/F \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Diagnosis \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs or Requirements \_\_\_\_\_

Wheelchair \_\_\_\_\_ Walker \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Players Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_ Youth S M L XL Adult: S M L XL XXL (please circle one)

I give authorization for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in The Miracle League of Arkansas, And do hereby released of any liability for injury that may occur while participating as a player or spectator during the season.

**I hereby** grant the Miracle League of Arkansas, its affiliates, franchises, advertising and promotional agencies, and their agents, the irrevocable, unrestricted right to use, publish, display and distribute materials bearing my name, voice, likeness or any other identifiable representation of myself, my family members including my Miracle League player/child. These materials may appear in any form, style color or medium whatsoever (including, without limitation, photographs, video tapes, films sound recordings, software, drawings, prints, broadcast, internet and electronic media.) I agree that all material containing any identifiable representation of me (including without limitation, all negatives, plates and masters of any photographs, files, prints or tapes) shall be and remain the sole and exclusive property of the Miracle League. **I hereby** release and forever discharge the Miracle League from any and all liability and damages relating to the use of my name, voice, likeness or any other identifiable representation of me. **I hereby** waive any right I may have to inspect or approve the finished materials or any part or element there of that incorporates my name, voice, likeness or any other identifiable representation of myself, my family including my Miracle League player/child.

**I have agreed** to the above in consideration of the opportunity given to me by The Miracle League of Arkansas to appear in these materials. I acknowledge that I have fully read and understand this document and that I have had any questions regarding its effect or the meaning of its terms answered to my satisfaction. I certify that I am at least 18 years of age, unless this document is also signed by my parent or legal guardian.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Minor's D/O/B \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

**Special notes:** \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Competitive Teams

1. Players age: 4 to 19 years of age.
2. Players must have registration form signed by parent or legal guardian, along with medical release.
3. Each player must be covered by insurance and policy copied to Miracle League Association.
4. Each player receives a team t-shirt and baseball hat.
5. Each player gets to bat each inning.
6. Each player gets to circle the bases to score a run each inning.
7. Every player scores and never gets called "Out" and all games end in a tie.
8. Two innings per team per game when time allows.
9. Game time = 1 hour and 15-20 minutes.
10. Each player has an assigned buddy for each game.
11. Teams consist of no more than 11-12 players and typically have 10 players.
12. Each player receives an award at the end of the season.
13. Teams use a 9in. Soft-core safety baseball with synthetic cover, wiffle balls or special ball for the blind.
14. Games are cancelled in event of rain or inclement weather.
15. An umpire covers each game to call players safe at first and home.
16. Coaches are to huddle the children before the start of each game in order to get the players excited about the game.
17. Reminder that the Buddies are there for three (3) reasons:

- \* Protect the Miracle League players
- \* Assist the Miracle League Players only when needed
- \* Encouragement

**19. HAVE FUN!**