

CHALLENGER SPORTS MANSFIELD

The Challenger Sports Program is a sports program, offered to children who have special needs, who live in Mansfield, and who are between the ages of **5 and 22**.

It is the intention of Challenger Sports Mansfield to provide an opportunity for those children whose physical and cognitive disabilities prevent their involvement in local youth sports. An IEP or ED Plan is NOT a basis for inclusion in this program. Please consider your child's own abilities prior to registering them in Challengers.

All sessions take place at the Jordan/Jackson School gymnasium on five (5) Thursday nights in the Fall and ten (10) Thursday nights in the Spring, the last night serving as an end of the year banquet & awards ceremony. Younger children (generally ages 5-10) attend the early session, which runs 6:30 P.M. - 7:15 P.M. The session for older students (generally ages 11-22) runs 7:15 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Both sessions involve warm up exercises, skills practice and age appropriate games. Soccer is a focused activity for the Fall session. Basketball and Wiffleball are the focused activities for the Spring session. However, program flexibility insures that each child participates in activities regardless of his or her age or ability.

Challengers is fortunate to be supported local high school student athlete volunteers, who provide social experiences that are beneficial to everyone and who offer as much assistance as each child needs.

Parental involvement is always important. A parent, guardian or other caregiver is asked to be present during each session to offer information about the participant to staff and volunteers, as necessary. **Please note, only children registered in the program will be allowed on the gymnasium floor during the Challenger Sports sessions.**

Parents or guardians are welcome to attend a session with or without their child to observe the program free of charge. Also, the Challenger Sports Program maintains an open registration policy. Your child can begin to attend at any of the program's sessions. Any questions relative to the Challenger Sports Program may be addressed to Craig Certuse at 508-944-1241 or email them to ChallengerSportsMansfield@gmail.com.

Please find below the schedule for this school year (2016 - 2017). The Challenger Sports Program **will not** be meeting on April 20, 2017 (**April School Vacation**).

Fall	Spring	Spring
September 29	March 9	April 13
October 6	March 16	April 27
October 13	March 23	May 4
October 20	March 30	May 11
October 27	April 6	May 18 – Awards Night & Banquet

The registration fee is \$35 for the entire year and supports the cost of T-shirts, trophies & equipment.

*****THIS PROGRAMS IS ONLY EXTENDED TO CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS*****

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Program Registration

Child's Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

School: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Info:

Phone (best): _____

Email: _____

******Please note, email will be the primary form of communication for updates and notifications. Please provide an email address if possible******

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Please use this section of the registration form to communicate challenges that your child may have relative to strength, movement, communication, cognition, sensory (i.e. touch, auditory) behaviors, etc. Any information that you provide will remain confidential and will only be shared with those working with your child within the Challenger Sports Program.

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Child's Name: _____

Parental/Guardian Consent to Participate

The undersigned acknowledges that, in consideration of the opportunity to participate in the Challenger Sports Program for children with special needs, neither the Town of Mansfield nor any of its employees or the program's volunteers are liable in the event of illness, injury, accident or death, which may occur while my child/the participant is engaged in the Program, traveling to or from the Program, or engaged in any function of the Program. In addition, in enrolling my child/the participant in this program, I am doing so understanding that physical activity will be an aspect of the Program.

The undersigned further acknowledges that if my child/the participant does not conform to the standards and organization of the Program or if the director of the Program judges that the behavior of my child/the participant endangers him/herself or the welfare of others in the Program, or the Program itself, he/she may be dismissed from the program upon written notice.

Parent/Guardian

Date

Photography Waiver

We request your permission to photograph/video the children in our program. We would like to take the photographs and make the videos to share with families and sponsors, to promote the Program through newspaper & internet articles and fundraising efforts, to use as training tools for new volunteers and for fun. The intended audience of our photographs/videos will be the participants, the parents and family members, the volunteers, sponsors and possibly other schools, organizations and the community. If you are comfortable with your child being in photographs/videos of the Challenger Sports Program, we ask that you sign the waiver below.

The Challenger Sports Program has my permission to photograph/video my child.

Parent/Guardian

Date