



PLAYER INFORMATION

WHO CAN PLAY?

We are a baseball league that caters to both children & adults with developmental disabilities of all shapes & sizes! Everyone is welcome at the Miracle League!

WHAT IS A GAME LIKE?

Don't worry, this is not a competitive baseball league! In fact, it's not really traditional baseball at all! Games are 1 hour long. During each inning, the whole line-up will bat. Some players prefer to use a tee, others will hit off of a coach's pitch. Every hit counts—in-play or not. And with every hit, the player can choose to stop at a base, or to complete a homerun! There are no outs. As the game is played, each player's name will be announced as they go to bat. Music is played, and there is commentary by an announcer to make the atmosphere fun & entertaining for everyone. There are typically multiple balls in-play, and can be multiple runners on base. It's all in good fun! At the end of the game, everyone wins! No score is kept.

HOW WILL MY PLAYER'S NEEDS BE ACCOMODATED?

We have one volunteer (a "Guardian Angel" or "Buddy") per player., and these individuals are expected to be at the player's side during the game for assistance, protection, or just added entertainment. These volunteers can be parents, relatives, friends, or community members—whatever the comfort-level of the player is. We do not allow un-registered volunteers on the field, so for example, if you would like to be with your son or daughter on the field for assistance, you will need to register as his/her Guardian Angel. There is a \$15 charge to cover the cost of the volunteer t-shirt.

WHEN & WHERE ARE GAMES PLAYED?

Our facility is located at 3737 South Akers St. in Visalia, CA adjacent to the Visalia First Assembly property. We have two fields. One that is a regulation softball field with traditional dirt & grass. The other is a smaller field with a rubberized surface. Our facility is complete with restrooms, a concession stand, a playground, bleacher seating, and plenty of shaded grassy areas for chairs or beach blankets.

We start our season in March, and it runs through May. We have an 8 week season. Games are played on Saturdays, with three Friday-night exceptions, to give our players the chance of playing under the lights! We do not play on Easter weekend.

GREAT! WHAT'S NEXT?

To get started, create a profile for yourself (as the administrator) and for your player(s). Register your player for the upcoming season. Registration opens on December 11th, and closes February 11th. During registration you will also pay—registration cost is \$60 which covers a hat, & t-shirt. Shortly after registration is closed, you will hear from your coach. We also offer a New Player Orientation meeting prior to the season to help settle nerves & answer any other questions you might have. The last Friday in March we host "Opening Night" at the fields to pass out uniforms & give everyone a chance to meet their coaches. Games begin in March.

