

2018 Grove City Buddy Ball

Buddy Information and Expectations

Welcome to the 2018 season of Buddy Ball. We are so glad that you decided to join us and take part in this amazing league. As a buddy, you are taking on one of the most important roles in the entire league and are going to be directly making a difference in the lives of the players, their families and our community as a whole. Our all ages Saturday League season begins Saturday, May 5th and our Teen/Adult League season begins Tuesday, May 1st.

This year we are fortunate again to have two different leagues going, an All Ages League and a Teen/Adult League. The All Ages League games will be played on Saturdays, with 4 one-hour games taking place between 9-1. The Teen/Adult League games will be played on Tuesday evenings, with the first game beginning at 6:00 pm and the second at 7:30pm.

What does my role as a buddy look like?

Your main priority as a buddy is making sure that your player is safe. Safety is our number one concern. In addition, your role may include, but is not limited to:

- Helping your player bat, field the ball, run the bases, or simply being an encouraging voice. (Keep in mind that each player is different, as is their level of participation. Please make sure that your player is participating to the best of their ability. If you are not sure of what their ability level is, please consult the Player Card, coach, or one of the Committee Members or SuperBuddies.
- Please try to arrive at least 10-15 minutes prior to the game(s) you signed up for and **check in at the table**. This is a new procedure this year, and we will be checking each of you in electronically via a badge with a unique code on it to enable us to keep track of the number of buddies we have and how many times you've volunteered. Upon check-in, you will be given a badge to wear during the game and assigned a team and player that you will Buddy with for the game. Please make sure to turn the badge back in after each game.
- Ask questions. We want to create a comfortable and welcoming environment for the players, buddies, volunteers and spectators. In order to do this, we need to keep an open line of communication going. Please don't hesitate to ask questions about your buddy, their disability, topics/activities they enjoy etc.
- Your main priority is your buddy is to make sure they are the center of attention for the time you are together. Our goal is to have them shine and enjoy the game of baseball.

How do I sign up to Buddy?

- Five days prior to a game (so Thursdays for the following week's Teen/Adult League games and Mondays for the upcoming Saturday All Ages League games), you will receive an email at the address you used to register with a link to our SignUpGenius page. Once you click the link, you will be taken to a page with time slots (limited to the number of Buddies needed for each game).
- If you are signing up for more than one slot (e.g. signing up for yourself and child(ren), please ensure that you note how many slots you are signing up for under the Quantity section (1 Buddy Slot, 2 Buddy Slots, etc) and put child(ren)'s name(s) in the comment field. This will ensure that we have the correct number of Buddies for each game.
- If you are requesting a specific team or player to Buddy with, please note that in the Comments section of the signup page.
- On game day, please try and arrive 10-15 minutes early and be sure to check in at the table, as we have a new check in procedure this year. Buddy assignments are on a first come first serve basis. We try to ensure that we always have an adequate number of Buddies, but please note that not every player requires a Buddy and that there may be games where not all the players show up, and therefore we will not need as many Buddies as we have signed up.

Additional questions?

Thank you so much for your time and willingness to help us create an amazing opportunity for some pretty special people. It is completely understandable to have more questions about the league, games, being a buddy and so on. Please do not hesitate to ask. Feel free to contact us via email with these questions. If we don't know the answer, we will find out and get back to you.

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