

Challenger Baseball has been played in LaGrange in the spring from April thru June for the past 16+ years. No experience is necessary - just the desire to come out, try your best, make new friends and have fun. We supply bats, helmets, balls, shirts, shoulder patches, caps and socks – all you need to bring is a glove. Give it a try! Players should be between six and eighteen years old and live in Dutchess County, New York. There is no registration fee.

We practice one night during the week for about 1½ hours. During the practice we work on a skill for about 30 minutes and then divide up and scrimmage. On Saturday's we play our games. The games will usually start at 11:00 or so with an occasional game in the afternoon. Most games will be played at LaGrange Park on Noxon Road though we may play a few games away verse local Challenger teams.

We participate in a Family Fun Day held at a new Challenger facility in Palisades Park, New Jersey in mid-May. There we play a game and have a great lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, corn, snacks, juice and ice cream. Over 22 teams and close to 600 players from Northern New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and New York come together.

This past year, we have expanded and played our first Fall Ball season. We got together on Saturday morning and practiced and played from 10:00am to 12:30pm. Everyone had so much fun we are planning on doing it again in the fall of '07. The season is approximately eight weeks long beginning in September and ending toward the end of October.

We follow the official rules for Challenger Little League Baseball set by the Little League Headquarters in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The games are two to three innings in length. Each team, when batting, will go through their entire line-up. We do not record outs (though we make good plays and try to make the out), and everyone scores a run. No score is recorded and we cheer for everyone. We encourage our parents and siblings to take an active role and play along with us. This year we will try something that is new for us but has been a part of Challenger baseball for a long time. Most Challenger teams recruit "buddies" or players from their town league to assist the players during the game. We will recruit players this year but instead of acting as assistants, we will integrate them into our game to play with us. This may seem like I am splitting hairs, but more important than their physical presence, I want to stress camaraderie and develop friendships. This will be a trial program and we will adapt it as necessary to fit the needs of our players.

To see how much fun we have, view our photo albums of the Spring and Fall 2006 Season.

### Neighboring Challenger Baseball Teams

Team	Contact	Phone Number
Brewster	Larry Maflak	845 279 2921
Croton	Susan Vierczhalek	914 271 4688
Saugerties	Beth Proper	845 246 3543
SouthEast	Donna	914 347 4409
Wappingers Falls	Bettina or Teresa Briccetti	845 298 7468

### LaGrange Sponsored Challenger Teams

Sport	Contact	Phone Number
Basketball	John or Linda Lang	845 471 1642
Soccer	Jeff Feldman <a href="http://www.lagrangesoccer.com">www.lagrangesoccer.com</a>	845 897 5199