

# Nether Swarthmore Buddy Ball Program: Baseball for Everyone!



Buddy Ball: This year, we are thrilled to introduce to our area **The Bambino Buddy-Ball Division**. The league encompasses players ages 5-19 who are either physically and/or mentally challenged. This division makes allowance for a “buddy” to help the player swing a bat, round the bases, catch a ball, etc. There are no restrictions to the age of the “buddy.”

## **Details**

**When:** Sundays, 2pm to 4pm, May 5 to June 9 (\*Special Opening Day scheduled for 4/6/19, with more information to follow regarding specific games. Weather permitting.

**Age Requirements:** Special Needs Players age can vary from age 5 to age 19. If your child is older, please contact us to learn more or request an age adjustment. Buddies ages can range from the T-Ball level to our Legions Leagues, and everyone in-between.

**Where:** Hepford Field (New Jersey Avenue, Wallingford, PA 19086).

**Your Player Needs:** A glove, a water bottle. Optional: cleats, baseball pants (or sweat pants, we do not recommend shorts unless your child strongly prefers them).

**Your Player Also Needs:** Volunteers! Each team will be comprised of our Special Needs Players and Buddies from our other youth baseball programs. Parents, friends, and all participants that want to get involved or attend as a fan are welcome!

**Equipment Provided:** Helmets, bats, balls, team tee shirts and caps.

**Cost:** There is no cost to participate in this league. All games and events will be offered free of charge; the league welcomes family or corporate sponsors.

**Registration Opens:** February 14 to March 31

**Contact:** Mike Broome, Buddy Ball Commissioner: [mcbroome21@gmail.com](mailto:mcbroome21@gmail.com).

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*Nether Swarthmore Baseball, a division of Babe Ruth League, Inc. shares the belief that every child has the right to participate in the game of baseball. We have always encouraged our leagues to accept all players regardless of their physical or mental ability.*

*The Bambino Buddy Ball division is designed so that everyone has the opportunity to have fun. Buddy Ball allows our challenged or special needs athletes to develop confidence and positive self-esteem. It allows them to be part of organized sports and assists with physical fitness as well as their social skills.*

**The joy and emotion you experience when a challenged child puts on that first baseball uniform or wears that first cap is like no other!**