



The Bartlett Baseball and Softball Association (BBSA) is proud to announce that we are expanding our Challenger program in 2015 with the addition of the newly created Senior Division that will enhance our already successfully Challenger Division.

In 2015 the Bartlett Challenger League Program will be structured as follows:

**Challenger Division:** Any candidate with special needs (physical or developmental) who will attain the age of 4 years before May 1 and who will not attain the age of 19 before May 1 shall be eligible to participate in this division. Player's league age 15-18 may choose to play in either division.

**Senior Challenger Division:** Any candidate with special needs (physical or developmental) who will attain the age of 15 years before May 1 shall be eligible to participate. There is no age limit in the Senior League Challenger Division. Player's league age 15-18 may choose to play in either division.

#### Frequently Asked Questions about the Senior League:

- How is the Senior Division structured under BBSA? – The **Senior Division and Challenger Division are Divisions of Bartlett Little League under the guidance of the VP of Challenger Divisions.**
- Will the Senior Division use buddy support players? – **Yes, both divisions will use buddy support players.**
- My player was participating in the Challenger program under a house waiver for age requirement (playing past 22 years old) do we still need that?. – **No- there is no more house waivers required for the older players because the Senior Division has no age limit.**
- The majority of my team that my player has played with for years will be playing in the Senior Division in 2015, can I move with them? – **No, unless you attain the age of 15 years before May 1. Players with league ages 15 to 18 can choose which division. If younger than 15, the player must play in the Challenger Division.**
- Does the Senior Division mean more advanced play? – **No, it would not mean more advance play. However, we could consider allowing more advanced players not to play with a buddy if they player met some safety requirements / parameters we are developing. As we proceed and we can review implementing some more "advanced" rules.**

- The majority of my team that player has played with for years will be playing in the Challenger Division in 2015, can I stay with them? – Yes, as long as your player does not attain the age of 19 before May 1. Players with league ages 15 to 18 can choose which division they would like to play in.
- There has been talk about independent play within the Bartlett Challenger League, what is the status of that program? –With the addition of the Senior Division this could help the future agenda of the Bartlett Challenger Program to promote special needs baseball and growing more independent players. This would be geared towards the possibility of independent and / or unified play. This advancement would help these players if Special Olympics decide in the future to add baseball as an official sport. For 2015 because of the resources and manpower required to start the Senior Division this initiative will be taken slowly to dedicate the successful starting of the Senior Division, but not ruled out.
- What division would my wheelchair play in? –Ideally it would be constant with the age rules listed above. Because of the challengers these players face, if the parents / caregivers have a preference in 2015 BBSA will allow Senior players to play in the Challenger Division.
- What will the registration fee for the Senior Division? – The fee will be \$90 (for both divisions) this is the first increase in many years. The players in both divisions will get uniforms, approximately 10 regular season games and ability to participate in our “Second Season Games”. This will also include the after game snack of hot dog, drink and chips. The Senior Division will have different style jerseys than the Challenger league. We will request that if your players existing pants fit and will work for the upcoming season (especially the Seniors since they may be done with growth spurts) that those be used. However, no one will be denied new pants if need be. We will be looking to continue our optional program of selling raffles books or possible programs to defray to the registration cost.
- When will the games be played? –The games will be played on the weekend as we have done the past many years. Depending on the amount of players registered for the Senior Division and Challenger Division along with the future BBSA field availability for 2015 it is undetermined if will get to play together at the same time, different time but same day, etc. That decision will be made well ahead of our opening day in April.
- Will all the games be in Bartlett? –As with the Challenger Division the game will be played in Bartlett (outside of special games), however it is at the request of the BBSA that Senior teams be open to travel a few games playing in other locations. This would be to represent Bartlett and show others our successful program. This would be to play other Senior teams from our NWSRA baseball group, other leagues we have networked with or even our District 13 partners if they field any Senior Teams. A lot depends on the amount of teams we have in the Senior Division which we could request more or less travel games.
- When and how do we sign up? –Registration will start in November, watch for the email blasts coming from the BBSA, you would log into your account at [www.bartlettbsa.com](http://www.bartlettbsa.com) if you already have one and register for the correct division. If you don't have an account, you would create one in our easy to use new website!

If there are any questions about the Senior or Challenger Division please feel free to email me at [bllchallengers@gmail.com](mailto:bllchallengers@gmail.com)

Thank you for your time!

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