

2022 Recreation, Respite & Life Skills Fair Exhibitor Profile

Name of Organization or Program:	Jays Care Foundation, Challenger Baseball
Catchment Area (geographic location):	Across Canada with several leagues in Ontario
Age range serviced: e.g. 6-18 yrs.18 and up:	All ages
Client population (disability specific):	Athletes living with physical and/or cognitive disabilities.
Family and sibling programming:	Families, including siblings can participate as buddies. Buddies work 1-1 with athletes with disabilities to help them succeed on the baseball field.
Program Application deadlines:	This information is dependent on each specific league.
Waitlist Information:	This information is dependent on each specific league.
Program /Service costs:	Program costs vary between leagues. The typical cost is between \$0 - \$60
Client Ratios:	Challenger Baseball is run with 1-1 buddies (volunteers) who help athletes reach their short- and long-term goals. Buddies provide respite time for parents/guardians so they can watch and celebrate their athlete from the sidelines.
Type of programming or service offered: (e.g. respite, recreation, life-skills, transitions, equipment, other)	Challenger Baseball is an adaptive baseball program designed to enhance the life-skills inherent to baseball including teamwork, courage, connection, independence, and more! For more information about activities facilitated at the program, please visit: Jays Care Resource Library Toronto Blue Jays (mlb.com)
Group or individual services provided:	Challenger Baseball is a group-based sport. Athletes will be placed on a team with other athletes living with physical and/or cognitive disabilities.
Is one-on-one support provided:	Challenger Baseball is run with 1-1 buddies (volunteers) who help athletes reach their short- and long-term goals. Buddies provide respite time for parents/guardians so they can watch and celebrate their athlete from the sidelines.
Do you offer in-person programming:	Yes! Leagues will be offered in-person this season with safety protocols in place.
Do you offer virtual programming:	Leagues have the option to run virtual programming if they are unable to run in-person

	<p>programs. Please note: this is dependent on the league itself. Jays Care Foundation also provides virtual programming opportunities for athletes across Canada if in-person options are paused or unavailable.</p>
<p>What precautions have you put in place to ensure that your program will continue if there are changes in provincial pandemic requirements?</p>	<p>Leagues have been encouraged to keep safety top of mind throughout the pandemic. Leagues are sent masks, hand sanitizer and wipes to keep equipment and spaces clean. Leagues are also sent a Safety Guidelines Protocol manual to review. Leagues follow their local baseball association's provincial and municipal guidelines.</p>
<p>Is there a Covid-19 vaccination mandate for staff at your organization?</p>	<p>This is dependent on the baseball association or municipal guidelines. Athletes may need to present a doctor's note to participate if they are unable to get vaccinated.</p>
<p>Will my child need to be vaccinated in order to participate in the program/service?</p>	<p>This is dependent on the baseball association or municipal guidelines. Athletes may need to present a doctor's note to participate if they are unable to get vaccinated.</p>
<p>Contact:</p>	<p>Program: Challenger Baseball Contact Person: Rachel MacDonald, Program Specialist, Jays Care Foundation Telephone #: 905-550-8345 Email: Rachel.MacDonald@bluejays.com Website : www.challengerbaseballcanada.ca</p>
<p>Other Important information to share:</p>	