

## Sponsorship Levels



*Help keep our league running successfully*

		Sponsorship on ALL team uniforms	Sponsorship on one team's uniform	Banner at park entrance	Sponsorship announced at ALL games	Sponsorship announced at team's game	Preferred signage/ website placement
<b>Grand Slam*</b>	\$ 2,500	x		x	x		x
<b>Home Run</b>	\$ 1,000		x	x	x		x
<b>Triple</b>	\$ 750		x			x	x
<b>Double</b>	\$ 500		x			x	x
<b>Single</b>	\$ 250		x			x	

\*Grand Slam sponsorships includes 2 seasons

**Team Uniforms:** Sponsor name on back of a team's uniform worn by players, buddies and coaches. Grand Slam sponsors have logo on uniform sleeve for all 200+ players, buddies and coaches.

**Banners/Signing:** Your company's logo on a banner placed at park entrance for every game for Grand Slam and Home Run sponsors. Triple and Double sponsors have a sign with logo placed at entrance to park with Single sponsors sign with logo on their team's field.

**Announcements:** Grand Slam and Home Run sponsors recognized by enthusiastic announcers at all seven games each Saturday. All other levels recognized each Saturday during game of sponsored team.

**Signage/Website Recognition:** Higher sponsorship levels have preferred logo placement on website, handbook and promotional material. All website logos on the sponsorship page link to the sponsor website. Sponsors are encouraged to place the Buddy Baseball logo and link on their company website to promote the program and recognize their support.

Buddy Baseball is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.



## **Buddy Baseball Fan Mail & Support**



*From players in the dugout to fans in the stands,  
it's a home run program!*

### **What Our Families Have to Say**

“We chose to play Buddy Baseball for our son to feel accepted and included in a community; make friends, learn an organized team sport in an environment that was all about camaraderie.”

“We really have a great buddy for our son. He was so patient and attentive to our son’s needs. He also understood his limitations as well.”

“Our daughter learned teamwork and to not give up because it was hard.”

“This has helped with her self-esteem, making friends who accept her just as she is, and as an added benefit, the friendships the parents have formed with each other is something for which I am so grateful!”

“Our son’s favorite thing about Buddy Baseball was having a buddy.”

“My daughter who is a Buddy, told me that after Joey came into the dugout after a home run he said, “What a rush!” He put his hands in the air and then said, “I FEEL SO ALIVE!””

“I would recommend to all parents to just enjoy the game and watch their child thrive. This is a great opportunity to give your child independence. Once your child is in the dugout, relax, enjoy the game and you’ll be surprised at what your child can accomplish!”

### **Awards & Recognitions**

Tampa Mayor’s Alliance for Persons with Disabilities - “Outstanding Community Service”

Hillsborough County Public Schools - “Excellence in Action”

The Tampa Tribune - “Hometown Hero”

Tampa Bay Buccaneers - “Community Quarterback”

The Tampa Breakfast Sertoma Club - “Service to Mankind Winner for Outstanding Community Service”

Temple Terrace Chamber of Commerce - Russ Oberbroeckling “2010 Temple Terrace Citizen of the Year”

International Code Council and the Building Officials Association of Florida Suncoast Chapter - “Community Service Award”



## Buddy Baseball Fact Sheet



### **About**

Buddy Baseball is a non-competitive recreational league for boys and girls ages 8 to 22 with special needs. Each player is paired with a buddy to assist the player on the field and in the dugout. Buddy Baseball's inaugural season began in October 2009 through a dedicated group of volunteers attracting 36 players and 38 buddies forming 6 teams from the Tampa Bay area. The program has continued to grow as players, buddies and families accomplished more than was ever imaginable on and off the field. Upon completion of 14 seasons in April 2016, the league has grown to:

- 80 Players
- 90 Buddies
- 40 Coaches
- 12 Teams
- 90 Participating Schools from Four Counties
- 30 Sponsors and Supporters

### **Benefits**

The league allows friendships to form and barriers to be dissolved. It is an opportunity for children with special needs to experience the thrill of participating in a sport and celebrating the camaraderie of team play. The program also provides abled children ages 10 to 18 a chance to interact with the special needs community as a buddy in order to build awareness and acceptance of these children using baseball as a common connection.

### **Seasons**

Spring Season – February to April

Fall Season – September to November

There are two seven week seasons per year with games played between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. each Saturday and include a 15 minute warm up/practice prior to each game.

### **Fields**

City of Temple Terrace Family Recreation Complex  
6610 E. White way Drive, Temple Terrace, FL 33617

### **Participation**

To register as a player, buddy, coach or volunteer, go to: <http://buddybaseball.org/registration/>

**Players** – Special needs players must be between the ages of 8 and 22 and enrolled as a student. A \$30 fee is charged to cover the costs of uniforms. Financial assistance is provided so all children can participate.

**Buddies** – The league is an approved organization with Hillsborough County School District for student community service hours. Buddies must be between the ages of 10 and 18 and are assigned to the same player each game. Buddies must commit to four of the seven games and participate in a buddy training session. A \$15 fee is charged to cover the cost.

**Coaches/Volunteers** – From coaches and catchers to game announcers and dugout monitors, volunteers are what keep the organization running.

### **Support**

Buddy Baseball is a 501c nonprofit organization run by volunteers. The league is funded by sponsorships and donations. Go to [www.buddybaseball.org](http://www.buddybaseball.org) for more information.

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