

Buddy Quick Tips/Hints



1. Your typical buddy will be middle school age and older.
2. For each game designate a buddy coordinator who is in charge of pairing up buddies and players appropriately. (size and age will need to be considered)
3. The buddy coordinator will work with the coaches to insure that each child is covered.
4. Match buddies as soon as the parents drop the player onto the field. At this time introduce the buddy to the player's guardian so they can explain their child's ability and tell specific needs. This is also suggested so that the buddy will know who and where to take the child in case of an emergency or problem.
5. Our Players depend on buddies to show up at each game.
6. It is suggested that a buddy commit to the season and stays with the same player if at all possible, However you will have groups that commit to a certain game day and you can work that along with your season buddies.
7. Typically there will be only one buddy per player, special cases may rarely require two buddies per child.
8. Every Buddy must review the "Buddy" video furnished by the Miracle League Corporate Office, before participating as a "Buddy."
9. **First priority over anything else is Safety, and to protect the players at all times.**
10. Buddies are responsible for their individual player from the time of introduction in till they are back in the care of their guardian. (This means no matter where the player goes the buddy must also go. Do not allow your player to roam around with out you, inside or outside the field.)
11. Always allow the Miracle League player as much freedom as possible to play their own game! (note: this is the players game not the buddies)
12. Depending on the batter's ability the buddies may need to stand in front of players to protect them from being injured by a hard hit ball. (Before the coach pitches to a hard hitter it is their responsibility to make sure each player is covered up.)
13. Each player will have a different ability and need. Buddies are to assist according to their player's special need. (There is no specific way to buddy a certain disability because every child will be at a different level and have different limitations.)
14. Be of good spirit with enthusiasm, love, good attitude and concern in motivating the players and their families.
15. Become their friend; get to know the players and their families
16. Arrive at the field 20 minutes prior to game time.
17. Be properly dressed in comfortable clothing and shoes wearing your Buddy Shirt.
18. Demonstrate high morals and integrity on and off the field.
19. If you have a Question...ASK
20. If you need Help...ASK
21. **HAVE FUN !!!**

