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GREAT MIAMI VALLEY YMCA YOUTH MIRACLE LEAGUES

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Miracle League?

The Miracle League is a youth baseball league designed specifically for individuals with intellectual or physical challenges. Completely handicap accessible, the rubberized playing surface provides a safe environment where kids of all ages and abilities can be successful on the field of play. Held at The Joe Nuxhall Miracle Fields in Fairfield, Ohio, the nearly \$3 million complex boasts state-of-the-art technology, including LED field lighting, a large video scoreboard complete with live video from the actual game being played, stadium seating for parents, families, and fans, a pavilion with restroom facilities, complete with concessions, music and sound system, and more! Admission is free, so stop by and support our Miracle League players this year!

Who can participate in the youth leagues?

The Youth Miracle Leagues are designed for children with special needs ages 5-18. Players are not required to be a member of the Great Miami Valley YMCA, as these leagues are open to all community participants. Likewise, volunteers are always welcome. Each youth player is matched up with a "Buddy" each week, who plays alongside them throughout the game and provides special support, encouragement, and assistance as necessary for the player to achieve the ultimate success during the game.

When does league play begin?

Great Miami Valley YMCA hosts spring and fall Youth Miracle League seasons. Each of the league sessions run for a total of 10 weeks. League games last approximately sixty minutes in duration.

How can I register my player?

Registration forms are available at all Great Miami Valley YMCA locations, or by contacting the GMVY Miracle League at miracleleagueplayers@gmvyymca.org.

What equipment is needed?

Great Miami Valley YMCA provides each player with a uniform shirt and hat. Players are welcome to bring their own gloves. As safety is our top priority, all equipment is appropriate to the ability levels of our league participants. Again, each player is assigned a designated "Buddy" to assist them throughout their time on the field.

How can I get involved if I don't have a child participating?

Volunteers are always needed! Groups, teams, or individuals interested in volunteering as coaches, umpires, and buddies may contact the GMVY Miracle League at miracleleaguevolunteers@gmvyymca.org. For those interested in supporting the Youth Miracle League program, please contact Jennie Endsley at (513) 829-3091 or jendsley@gmvyymca.org.