Dear New Player,

Welcome, we're always so glad to have new faces with us at Challenger and know you're going to have a great time.

This is the 34<sup>th</sup> season for Challenger baseball in the valley and we are excited to welcomed new players.

Challenger is a valley wide league; because there are not enough players in one area, we combine from all over the valley to make up teams. Challenger is learning and developing league, so the rules are altered to fit the needs of the players. We also discovered that our players didn't have much interest in practices, "they just want to play" so it's a teaching experience with each game.

I'm always looking for help with the teams in the form of coaches and assistances. I discourage parents from joining their child on the field. We will be having local league players joining us as Challenger buddies to buddy up and help each player as needed.

The only equipment you will need to provide is a mitt and let me recommend **"Do Not"** buy a plastic mitt. Leather is bendable and will break in where plastic won't. There are a few second-hand sporting goods places in town and another great place to find good mitts is on E-bay (I've bought a few there).

The type of ball that we use is an incredi-ball this is a soft type ball so there is less chance of injury.

A season schedule is on the website for download. Games will be played on Saturday evening at 6:30 on the N.W. Ada fields. (Eagle & McMillian)

Picture days are tentatively scheduled for some time in May (still working this out) at the playing fields, before and after the games. Each team will be assigned a date and time for pictures. It's very important to have your players there for the pictures.

We are planning to start on April $13^{\text{th}}$  @ N.W. Ada fields. On this day, please be there at 6:00pm to pass out uniforms, with the game to follow at 6:30. Games last about 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours or about 2 or 3 innings. We have found that this is about all they last.

I'm looking forward to a wonderful season of baseball and meeting all my new players ("friends").

The \$40.00 Registration fee covers the shirts & hats, supplemental Little League insurance and the year-end picnic. **If you use PayPal to pay, please add \$1.50 Total \$41.50** 

## Please register soon, the dead line is March 15<sup>th</sup>. <u>"Or until the teams fill up. Register Early"</u>

Website to register: IdahoChallengerLittleLeague.com

Please feel free to call me with any questions or if I can help in any way.

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