

# CHALLENGER LEAGUE



The Challenger Baseball League is Little League's adaptive baseball program for individuals with physical and intellectual challenges. The Little League Challenger Division accommodates players ages 5 to 18; or up to age 22 if still enrolled in school. The Senior League Challenger Division accommodates players ages 15 and above (no maximum age).

The DuBois Challenger Baseball League was started in 2009 with the help of a few volunteer coaches, and monetary donations from local businesses, clubs, or private donors. The Challenger program utilizes a buddy system. Many kids consistently volunteer their time to assist and encourage Challenger players. Additionally, coaches and their little league and varsity teams have stepped up to be buddies to our athletes. This relationship is a very rewarding experience for everyone involved.

When Challenger started in DuBois, there were approximately 25 kids playing on three teams. Games were played at the end of the summer over a two-week span. This was the only time a field was available with dugouts large enough to accommodate wheelchairs. Many games had to be cancelled because the weather caused the field conditions to be unsafe for our players.

Currently our league consists of over 70 players on seven different teams, including our newly formed Senior Division. Games are now being played during the regular Little League season on the Rose and Dennis Heindl Memorial Field. Our Challenger players are privileged and honored to be playing on one of the nicest fields in the state!

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# CITY OF DUBOIS

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## RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATION

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018

### 1:00 p.m.

**Master of Ceremony:** Jeff Baronick

**Concourse** Face painting, balloon artist, kids activities

**1:30 p.m.** Welcome

Veterans and Military Service recognition

National Anthem

**Welcome:** Bill Cuba – Director of the Challenger League

**City Council:**

Mayor Gary Gilbert

Councilwoman Diane Bernardo

Councilman Jim Aughenbaugh

Councilman Randy Schmidt

Councilman Ed Walsh

City Solicitor – Toni Cherry

City Treasurer – Lisa LaBrasca Becker

City Controller – Shane Dietz

City Engineer – Chris Nasuti

Police Chief – Blaine Clark

Redevelopment Authority Director– Joe Mitchell

**Guests:**

Antonio Scotto—County Commissioner

John Sobel—County Commissioner

Luke Lansberry – DuBois Area School District - Superintendent

Honorable Judge Paul Cherry

Julie Slomski– Governor Wolf’s Office

Video—Tom Wolf—Governor of Pennsylvania

**Acknowledgement**

**Construction Crew**

Dave Roman Excavating – Dave Roman

B. K. Asphalt – Brad Katchmarchi

KTH Architects – Jerry Bankovich

Hallstrom Construction – Bob Hallstrom

Overdorf Plumbing – Justin Overdorf

Hallstrom/Clark Electric – Eric Beckes

Landscape One – Bo Caldwell

PennSafe – Brian Wruble

Sekula Signs – Paul Sekula

Video—Joe Scarnati—Senator President Pro Tempore

**Donors**

Kevin Shannon - \$50,000

Dan Baronick – S & T Bank—\$50,000

Nick Hoffman – Varischetti Foundation -  
\$100,000 (Boundless Playground)

Steve Fontane – Penn Highlands - \$150,000

Frank Coonelly, Bob Nutting - Pittsburgh Pirates -  
\$100,000

Denny Heindl - \$250,000 plus \$10,000 forever



**Denny, Paula, Kelly & Katie**

Wrap up and thanking the Community.

**Muttville Comix Dog Performance**

**First Pitch** – Jayden Wruble

**Challenger League games after the ribbon cutting**