

# BC BATTERS - 2015 BASEBALL SIGNUP

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (primary) (269) \_\_\_\_\_ (secondary) (269) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Grade: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Circle: Male Female

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Parents'/Guardians' Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

email address (please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs/Limitations/Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Provider: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Shirt Size: Ad. X-Large .. Ad. LGE .. Ad. MED .. Ad. SM .. YT LGE .. YT MED

The season will begin on Saturday, June 13 and will end Saturday, July 25. We will not play on Saturday, July 4. The cost of the program is \$20 per participant. If financial assistance is needed please contact Jake Eaton at 517-581-1352 or Gary Lincoln at 269-979-4336.

**PARTICIPANT WAIVER** - In consideration of your accepting my signup, and understanding that a certain amount of risk is inherent to some recreational programs, I hereby, for my child, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release all rights and claims for damages I or my child may have against the BC Batters, the Wattles Park Men's Club, the Battle Creek Family YMCA and its representatives and successors, and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by myself or my child at any activity sponsored by these groups. I fully realize that I must provide proper medical and hospital coverage. Having read the above, I also agree to abide by the rules of the BC Batters, the Wattles Park Men's Club and the Battle Creek Family YMCA.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your form, check or money order (made out to "Wattles Park Men's Club") to:

Wattles Park Men's Club c/o Gary Lincoln  
13166 Eleven Mile Road  
Ceresco, Michigan 49033

Questions??? Email [wpmc49@aol.com](mailto:wpmc49@aol.com) or call 979-4336

## **BC BATTERS - 2015 LEAGUE INFORMATION**

**Goal** - The number one goal for this league is for all of our special needs students within the Calhoun County area to have an opportunity to be a part of a sports team. They will learn many values that are also important in real life such as teamwork, leadership, determination, listening skills, focus, perseverance and many other important life skills.

**Coaching** - When coaching children with special needs it is especially important to emphasize the unique abilities of each player. The strengths and weaknesses of each child must be identified and game play adapted to those findings. For example, a child with a limited attention span may require simple one-step directions and frequent redirection. The very timid child may need extra encouragement and reinforcement to participate. A good technique is to rotate players through the various positions to determine where they are most comfortable.

**Philosophy** - The basic rules of coaching apply to children of any age or ability. Coaches should instill a sense of good sportsmanship by teaching their players to accept victory and defeat with equal humility. Particularly with special needs children it is important to stress that trying hard and having fun is the purpose of the game and that winning is just an added incentive. The golden rule of coaching is that everyone plays and there are no benchwarmers in children's athletics. Bullying or teasing should never be tolerated among teammates or toward opposing teams. Acknowledging successful attempts and signs of improvement gives the child a feeling of a job well done. Coaching children's sports and particularly those with special needs can be a wonderful experience. There is nothing more rewarding than watching a child blossom under your encouragement and instruction. Just remember that the focus is on fun.

**Warm Ups** - Before every game each coach will have a set of warm-up drills for their players so that not only can they be warmed up for the game but it keeps them focused and intrigued for the game to come. These drills will consist of playing catch and practicing hitting with their buddy. We want all the kids to get a chance to hit and throw before every game to work on these skills before the game.

**Games** - Every game will have a one hour time limit. Every child gets to hit each inning, so there will be no outs or runs kept track of. Once every player has had their turn to hit and run the bases then the other team will trade places and will hit and repeat the process until the one hour limit is up. Every player will hit off a Tee and we will be using RIF Baseballs for the safety of the players and their buddies. The players not hitting the ball will be on the field learning the basics of fielding. The goal is to have every child active at all times. If for any reason a child feels the need to sit out then by all means they are more than welcome to do so. We will not force any player to do anything they do not want to do, and their buddy will follow suit whether they play in the field or sit on the sidelines. One of the biggest roles for the buddy is going to be keeping the player motivated and having fun.

**Structure** - Every coach is in charge of placing their players wherever they choose to in the field, but the best case scenario would be for every child to play a different position so they have the opportunity to play every position. There are no umpires for these games. Coaches are in charge of running the games and if any questions or concerns arise they will do their best to address them.