

## **JANUARY 31 DEADLINE: BASEBALL REGISTRATION FOR SPRING 2015**

### **Co-ed Special Needs Sports Leagues in NYC**

Children from all five boros welcome, age 5 & up. No one turned away. We are a loosely affiliated group of parents and volunteers, united by our shared commitment to bring excellent team sports programs to the special needs community. With the support of local and national volunteer sports organizations, we have created a place where special needs children in NYC take part in team sports—just like mainstream programs, with teams, uniforms, trophies, etc. Our aim in each sport is to provide each child with the appropriate level of support and challenge. The players get exercise, develop physical, social and cognitive skills. **Most important of all, they have fun.**



Baseball and Soccer are not respite programs, but rather community-based, parent-supported sports teams staffed solely by volunteers—most of whom are parents of players. When you register your son or daughter, we hope you will actively join our community of volunteers. Registration deadlines are flexible, but early on-line registration is recommended. Due to growth of leagues, late registrants might be wait-listed. Registration costs vary, maximum is \$175 for the season. Scholarships available for the asking in each sport.

**Everyone Plays, whether or not they can pay.**

#### **Little League Baseball Spring 2015**



Challenger Division of WSSL. West Side Little League. 2014 enrollment: 96 players. **On-line registration closes Jan 31!** Play Sunday afternoons from April thru June in Riverside Park at 77<sup>th</sup> Street. 2013 schedule: 75 minute session for under ten, up to two hour session for older, from 1:30 PM to 5 PM, with youngest group first.

[www.westsidebaseball.org](http://www.westsidebaseball.org)

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#### **AYSO Soccer Fall 2014**



VIP Division of WSSL. West Side Soccer League (AYSO). 2014 enrollment: 92 players. On-line registration May-June. Play Sunday from September thru November in Central Park North Meadow, just above 97<sup>th</sup> Traverse. 2013 schedule: 75 minute session for under eight, ninety minute session for older, from 9:30 am to 1pm.

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**All are welcome, no one turned away. Late registration possible—but might be wait-listed.**

### **Other Sports programs of interest**

**Safe Haven Hoops Basketball Winter 2014-15** [www.safehavenhoops.org](http://www.safehavenhoops.org)

Team sport Basketball program. Many Challenger Baseball and VIP Soccer families participate.

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**Kids Enjoy Exercise Now** [www.keennewyork.org](http://www.keennewyork.org)

Good, free program—emphasis more on individual activities, rather than team sports.

**New York Sports Connection** [www.newyorksportsconnection.com](http://www.newyorksportsconnection.com)

Contains listing for many sports programs, including both special needs and mainstream.