Buddy Ball

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## Everyone has the Ability to Play

Buddy Ball is for boys, girls and active adults with intellectual and/or physical disabilities that have the desire to play organized, non-competitive baseball. Each player is assigned a “Buddy” that assists with playing the game.

In Buddy Ball, all players get to hit, all players play the field, all players score, and all players win. Buddy Ball games are 2-3 innings long and last about one hour. Players are assigned to teams based on ability level. Players usually hit off a tee or the coach softly pitches to them.

Buddy Ball games are played on the City of Gulfport Sportsplex synthetic turf baseball fields. These fields are located at the Sportsplex, 16200 16th St. in Gulfport, off Intestate 10, acrcoss from the Waterpark. Volunteer Buddies help the players to play the game and parents/guardians/care-givers can sit back and watch. The teams have an umpire for their games and every player gets to hit, run, score, and play the field. All players get a team uniform. All volunteers get a shirt. Everyone has a lot of fun. At the end of the season we have a Trophy Banquet. All of this is provided free of charge to the players/parents/volunteers by the MS Gulf Coast Buddy Sports, Inc. organizations and it’s many sponsors.

## Buddy Ball Volunteers/Players

Volunteers should make a concerted effort to attend games in order to ensure that every player has a buddy and consistency of the game is maintained.

All volunteers must complete a volunteer form and all players (parents/guardians) must complete a registration form.

Volunteers of all ages will be allowed to be buddies as long as the individual is a proactive part of the program. Preferably, volunteers will be about the same age as the player so development of friendships will be promoted.

Go to **www.msgulfcoastbuddysports.org** to complete a registration form to play or volunteer. Pictures and information may also be found on the Facebook page **BuddyBall@LongBeachBuddyBall**.

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