

## **FAQ's**

### **What is Play Ball for All?**

Play Ball for All provides an opportunity for individuals with disabilities to participate in a once in a lifetime event, allowing them to experience playing on the same field as their favorite Round Rock Express players.

The game will consist of 3 innings with no time constraints. Each team will consist of 27 players, with a new lineup of 9 players rotating after every inning. This will allow all participants a chance to bat and play defense. Every player is guaranteed to cross home plate.

Volunteer Buddies will be assigned to assist each player during the game. Players will be given the opportunity to get to know their Buddies on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Buddy Mixer event. More details will be provided to registered participants.

### **Will there be practices?**

No, this is a one time non-competitive game.

### **Who qualifies to play?**

Basically, any child between the ages of 5 and 21 that cannot play in standard recreational baseball can participate in Play Ball for All. Typically, it is children with mental and/or physical disabilities.

### **Does my child have to provide their own equipment?**

Bats and helmets will be provided. Gloves are not mandatory, however, if your player wishes to bring their own they are encouraged to do so.

### **What happens during inclement weather?**

Game is rain or shine. In the event of severe weather, game will be canceled and all participants will receive a refund.

### **What is the role of a Buddy?**

Volunteer Buddies will each be assigned a player to assist throughout the game. Buddies may be required to assist with running, batting, catching, throwing, motivating, maneuvering players in wheelchairs or walkers and more. All Buddies must be 15 years of age or older and must be available to attend the Buddy Orientation on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00pm. Previous experience with individuals with disabilities is not necessary.

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### **How do I become a Buddy?**

Complete a Buddy Registration form and return to [bholmstrom@roundrocktexas.gov](mailto:bholmstrom@roundrocktexas.gov) or [bcollins@roundrocktexas.gov](mailto:bcollins@roundrocktexas.gov) by Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. All Buddies must be 15 years of age or older and

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### **What does my registration fee include?**

Each player will receive:

- A chance to bat and cross home plate
- A chance to play defense
- Round Rock Express/Play Ball for All Gear
- Parking Pass to Round Rock Express game on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>
- Free Entry to Round Rock Express game on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> (player only)
- Hot dogs, chips and drinks at the Buddy Mixer on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Player profile featured on Round Rock Express jumbotron

### **How do I register my child to play?**

Go to [www.RoundRockRecreation.com](http://www.RoundRockRecreation.com) or complete a player registration form at the following Round Rock Parks and Recreation facilities:

Main Parks and Recreation Office  
McConico Building  
301 W. Bagdad Ave, Suite 250  
Round Rock, TX 78664  
OR

Clay Madsen Recreation Center  
1600 Gattis School Rd  
Round Rock, TX 78664

### **How can I become a sponsor?**

Please visit our website at [www.roundrocktexas.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/special-events/play-ball-for-all](http://www.roundrocktexas.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/special-events/play-ball-for-all)