



Challenger Sports is a sports program, offered to children who have disabilities, who live in Mansfield, and who are between the ages of **5 and 22**.

***It is the intention of Challenger Sports Mansfield to provide an opportunity for those children whose physical and cognitive disabilities prevent their involvement in local youth sports. An IEP or ED Plan is NOT a basis for inclusion in this program. Please consider your child's own abilities prior to registering them in Challengers.***

All sessions take place at the Jordan/Jackson School gymnasium on five (5) Thursday nights in the Fall and ten (10) Thursday nights in the Spring, the last night serving as an end of the year banquet & awards ceremony. Younger children (generally ages 5-10) attend the early session, which runs 6:30 P.M. - 7:15 P.M. The session for older students (generally ages 11-22) runs 7:15 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Both sessions involve warm up exercises, skills practice and age appropriate games. Soccer is a focused activity for the Fall session. Basketball and Wiffleball are the focused activities for the Spring session. However, program flexibility insures that each child participates in activities regardless of his or her age or ability.

Challengers is fortunate to be supported local high school student athlete volunteers, who provide social experiences that are beneficial to everyone and who offer as much assistance as each child needs.

Parental involvement is always important. A parent, guardian or other caregiver is asked to be present during each session to offer information about the participant to staff and volunteers, as necessary. **Please note, only children registered in the program will be allowed on the gymnasium floor during the Challenger Sports sessions.**

Parents or guardians are welcome to attend a session with or without their child to observe the program free of charge. Also, the Challenger Sports Program maintains an open registration policy. Your child can begin to attend at any of the program's sessions. Any questions relative to the Challenger Sports Program may be addressed to Heather McPherson via email at [ChallengerSportsMansfield@gmail.com](mailto:ChallengerSportsMansfield@gmail.com).

Please find below the schedule for this school year (2018- 2019). The Challenger Sports Program **will not** be meeting on April 18, 2017 (**April School Vacation**).

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Spring</b>
October 4	March 7	April 11
October 11	March 14	April 25
October 18	March 21	May 2
October 25	March 28	May 9
November 1	April 4	May 16 – Awards Night & Banquet

***The registration fee is \$35 for the entire year and supports the cost of T-shirts, trophies & equipment.***