

West Perth Opti Challenge Baseball

West Perth Opti Challenge Baseball began at Mitchell's Keterson Park on May 24, 2015. This baseball program is for children and adults, ages 6 and up, with cognitive and physical disabilities, from Perth and Huron counties. The game is played by the players, with support from a **responsible** buddy, age 12 and up, on the diamond. If the buddy is not an adult, a parent or responsible adult must be in attendance as well, at the diamond. The disabilities, faced by the players, range from: Artificial Limbs, Autism, Blindness, Down Syndrome, Duchene Muscular Dystrophy, Seizures, Spinal Bifida, Visually Impaired, etc.



Every player has the opportunity to hit the ball by themselves, or from a T-stand, and/or with help from their buddy. The player, with his or her buddy, goes around the bases, making a home run each time, which is a safety measure. Out in the field is a team of challenged persons, who field the ball and with help of buddies throw it person to person trying to beat the "runner" home. The players really enjoy the 'beeping bases', as they go base to base. The safety of the each player is of the utmost importance, along with them having fun.

The league runs for 12 weeks each year, starting middle of May and ending by July 31st. Games are played Sunday evenings at Keterson Park, next to the community centre, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Optimist Sharon Flanagan is the co-ordinator for this program. There is a \$60 registration fee, with cheque made out to Optimist Club of Mitchell, which is for uniforms, equipment, and diamond rental costs.

Please e-mail [Optimist Sharon Flanagan](mailto:Sharon.Flanagan@optimistclub.com) if you have any questions.

