



July 26, 2011

Dear Superintendent,

I would like to start out by thanking some of you for your tremendous support of the Ocean County Challenger sports league over the past three years, while introducing the league to many of you in Monmouth County. The Ocean County Challenger Sports League has had over 300 students with disabilities participate in the league, and has provided the opportunity for over 500 non-disabled buddies to participate in the league during the past three years.

Our league is governed by POAC Autism Services. POAC, formed in 1999 as a 501(c) 3 nonprofit, has a proven track record of providing services to children and adults with autism and other special needs, their families, and the professionals who serve them. Since its inception POAC has provided training, services, outreach and support for thousands of people throughout New Jersey and across the country. The vast majority of these services are provided 100% free of charge. POAC strives to help individuals with autism and other special needs achieve their highest potential in their homes, schools and communities.

Our goal this year is to offer this tremendous program to as many qualified students in Ocean and Monmouth County as possible. Currently the league name is the Ocean County Challenger Sports League due to the fact that the league is currently comprised of ten school districts in Ocean County. We hope to grow this year to include districts in Monmouth County, to begin to align ourselves much like the Shore Conference in school participation. The league is prepared to change the name and logo once we affirm participation of at least one Monmouth County School District to **Ocean / Monmouth County Challenger Sports League**. In addition we will change our logo to the design below.



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Details of the enrollment fee are outlined in the attached memorandum of agreement. POAC will continue to support the league through various fundraisers and pursuing grant opportunities. To date the Ocean County Challenger League has secured over \$200,000 dollars worth of gifts, grants, and donations so that all participants are provided with a continued outstanding experience.

Please review the attached agreement. All agreements need to be signed and returned prior to the start of the fall season. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Joe DiPietro, League Commissioner (609) 597-5573 or Gary Weitzen POAC Executive Director 732-785-1099. In addition if you would like to see what a Challenger League game looks like please search on You Tube: Ocean County Challenger League, or access the video link directly: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w_PfSyiCehE
Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Gary Weitzen

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POAC Executive Director

Joe DiPietro

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League Commissioner



Ocean County High School Challenger League
Memorandum of Agreement 2011-2012

This document outlines the terms and conditions that local school districts in Ocean and Monmouth Counties must agree upon to participate in the Ocean County High School Challenger League sponsored by POAC for the 2011-2012 season.

Terms and Conditions:

Local school districts participating in the Ocean County High School Challenger League will agree to do the following:

1. Adopt the entire proposal of the Challenger League.
2. Board approve a Challenger Coaching Position for all three seasons (fall, winter, spring). POAC recommends a continued payment of \$1,500 stipend per season. See enclosed Challenger Coach Job description. POAC recommends the hiring of one person for the coaching position for the entire year, and that person should be employed within the school district.
3. Utilize local transportation department to bus non-disabled, and disabled students who need no specific transportation modifications to away Challenger League games.
4. Provide field and court facilities for challenger games that are hosted at participating schools.
5. Provide insurance coverage for liability costs under local school district policy.
6. Have the district Athletic Director act as liaison to the Challenger League Commissioner to update local districts on all challenger league events by participation in Ocean and Monmouth County Athletic Directors Meetings.
7. Provide time for Challenger Coach to meet with coaches (football, soccer, basketball (girls & boys), softball and baseball, prospective buddies, and local district Athletic Directors to organize participation by non-disabled athletes as buddies and field usage for games, and practices.
8. Pay a team league enrollment fee of \$500 dollars to POAC to maintain, manage, and support the Ocean County High School Challenger League as outlined in section titled: (POAC responsibilities)

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POAC responsibilities:

Ordering & Maintaining Uniforms and Equipment:

POAC will maintain and provide additional uniforms for league participants as needed. All equipment needs will be met and additions will be added based on league commissioner recommendations. Funds for uniforms and equipment will come solely from POAC's designated checking account.

Coaching Guidance and Games Scheduling:

League commissioner will meet with league coaches a minimum of three times per year to review rules and other procedural agenda items. The League Commissioner will also meet with Shore Conference Athletic Directors to coordinate league scheduling.

Awards:

POAC will organize an award presentation and supply all participants with awards and buddies with certificates of appreciation. Funds for award presentation will come solely from POAC's designated checking account.

Fundraising:

POAC will continue to support the league responsibilities by continuing to host an annual summer golf outing, annual Fall Challenger League Walk-A-Thon, and web-site donations.

Statement of Agreement:

Our signatures below represent our agreement to participate in the Ocean County High School Challenger League under the terms and conditions outlined in this document.

School District: _____

Certifying District Official: _____

Title: _____

Please Mail agreement and please re-mit payment of \$500 league enrollment fee payable to POAC:

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Attention: Challenger League**

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Challenger Coach Job Description:

POAC recommends local districts continue payment of this position with a \$1,500 per season stipend.

The Challenger Coach must possess a unique quality to act as an ambassador for the Ocean County High School Challenger League at their respective high school. As the coach for their High School, they will have the following responsibilities.

- Recruitment of Challenger athletes.
- Distribution and collection of Consent Forms.
- Recruitment of non-disabled athletes to act as buddies.
- Distribution and collection of non-disabled athletes consent forms.
- Host a pre-season training session for potential non-disabled buddies.
- Host a meeting with appropriate coaches from common programs to recruit their athletes to participate as buddies.
- Act as a liaison working with district Athletic Director to schedule field and court usage for games and practices.
- Work in conjunction with Challenger League Commissioner to organize and schedule games.
- Supervise athletes on the bus for away games.
- Provide supervision for athletes at games.
- Attend three league-wide Challenger League pre-season coaches meetings



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To: Ocean County Challenger Sports League Teams

From: Joseph DiPietro, League Commissioner

Invoice: 2011-2012 League Enrollment Fee

Charge: \$500 per participating team

Re-mit payment to by August 22, 2011 to: POAC

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Please contact Joe DiPietro with any questions 609-597-5573