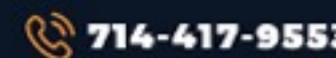
#### A Sports League for Special Needs Children & Young Adults









### Children with autism can't join the local team

Physical, emotional or social challenges limit their opportunities to participate



# 1 in 59 children in the U.S. have autism (1 in 37 boys)

Typical youth sports leagues are not equipped to accommodate autism and other special needs

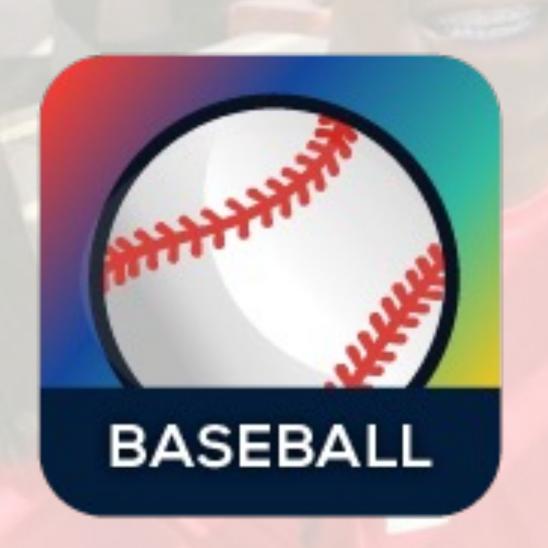


Spirit League is the place where a special needs athlete can participate in a "typical" sport in a realistic, nurturing environment that encourages building both skills and relationships.



# Spirit League is the only special needs sports league in Orange County to offer year-round sports













We are the newest sports league in Mission Viejo

Soccer season is underway at Oso Fields

# Why Spirit League?

Spirit League is different from other youth sports leagues

We focus on the unique needs of young athletes with autism and other developmental disabilities

We teach basic sports skills, game play and teamwork





Athletes learn that there's more to the game than just the score



Parents can celebrate their child in a whole new way



season includes:

 Structured skill development

Team games



THE PLACE TO SOAR

Teamwork is demonstrated using specialized methods that the athletes can understand and implement

Spirit League What We Do

### SPIRIT LEAGUE ATHLETES

- 50% of athletes play more than one sport
- Families drive from Orange, Los Angeles and Riverside Counties
- 90% of athletes have Autism Spectrum Disorder



## SPIRIT LEAGUE ATHLETES



43%

DIVISION 9-13 YEARS OLD

34%

DIVISION 6-9 YEARS OLD

23%









#### SPIRIT LEAGUE VOLUNTEERS

- 40 to 60 volunteers each game day
- Coaches are trained and certified through Spirit League and work together with Team Mentors to provide the best experience for our athletes

### MILESTONES

2004

2008

2014

2016

2017

SPIRIT LEAGUE
STARTED
WITH FOUR
FAMILIES

SPIRIT LEAGUE
BECAME A
501(C)(3)
NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION

FIRST STAFF HIRED ONLINE COACH
TRAINING
CERTIFICATION
PROGRAM
LAUNCHED

NUMBER OF ATHLETES DOUBLED SINCE 2009



# In 2018, over 430 athletes played sports with Spirit League

While many others sit on waiting lists



# Spirit League Future Goals

- Move athletes off waiting lists and onto the fields
- Spirit Center Sports Complex A safe place for children and young adults with special needs to:
  - practice social skills
  - play sports, and
  - <u>be celebrated</u> for who they are!





 Coach a team (90-minutes per week for 10-week season)

Join us at upcoming events

Become a Community Sponsor

Become a donor

Apply for Board of Directors





#### Join Others in Supporting Spirit League













