



Canadian Deafblind Association Ontario Chapter: Ceremonial First Pitch Nominee Application

The ceremonial first pitch is a tremendous opportunity to partner with the Toronto Blue Jays to raise awareness of deafblindness.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Nominee must be school aged and have a functional deafblind assessment.
- Nominee must be accompanied on field with his/her intervenor to highlight Children's Intervenor Services and the important work of intervenors. In years past, a parent has been permitted on the field with their child at the discretion of the Blue Jays. We will keep this option open, however the priority is to have the intervenor on the field.

EXPECTATIONS

- Families are expected to cover their own costs associated with the game including tickets, food, travel and accommodations. CDBA Ontario will pay for the tickets of the child and intervenor.
- Families must sign a photo consent form for all members in attendance at the game.
- To help better prepare your child, here is what you can expect on game day. In addition to any travel required to get to Toronto and the Rogers Centre, there is approximately a 2-hour to 3-hour commitment at the game. That time includes check-in, signing of waivers, possible media opportunities, receiving a Blue Jays jersey, waiting at field level where Blue Jays mascot Ace meets and spends time with your child, and the ceremonial first pitch, photos and video.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

- Completed nomination forms must be received no later than **Monday, April 30, 2018.**
- Applications will be reviewed by a committee.
- The successful applicant will be contacted by Friday, May 11, 2018.
- If your child has previously thrown out the first pitch we ask that you do not apply to allow others the opportunity.

2018 FIRST PITCH NOMINATION FORM

COMPLETING THE FORM

- Nominations for the First Pitch must be submitted using this nomination form.
- Digital versions of this nomination form will be accepted. This form is fillable but requires the latest version of Adobe Acrobat or Reader. Save the file and email it to the address listed below. If you have trouble with this form or prefer a hard copy, please contact **Samantha Gaspar** at **519-442-0463, ext. 143** or **SGaspar@cdbaontario.com** for assistance.
- We cannot accept handwritten nomination forms.

RETURN COMPLETED FORM AND SUBMIT TO:

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Paris, Ontario
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Attention: Communications

Email Samantha Gaspar:
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CONTACT INFORMATION OF PERSON ASSISTING IN APPLICATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

PHONE: _____

CELL: _____

EMAIL: _____

INFORMATION OF CHILD WHO IS DEAFBLIND

NAME: _____

DOB: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT: _____

GENDER: MALE FEMALE

Please review the nomination form carefully to assure that responses are comprehensive and details are clear.

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1. Please explain the cause of your child's deafblindness:

2. Why do you feel your child is a great candidate to the throw out the first pitch?

— *Nomination form continues on following pages* —

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3. Please describe how your child learned or is learning to throw?



4. Please describe how your child's life is impacted by an intervenor?



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5. If chosen, how would you spread word in your community that your child is throwing out the first pitch?



6. How many people do you think you could bring to the game to cheer on your child?



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7. Are you willing and comfortable with media interviews, including having media come to your home?

8. Please add any additional information you would like to share.

