

## Managers Meeting January 21, 2026

**“The character of this league will be defined by how you conduct yourself”**

- **Evaluations BASEBALL 10u – Saturday, January 24, 2026** at Civic Center Park –Check in for 10u is from 8:00- 8:30am and evaluation starts at 9am –
- **Evaluations BASEBALL 12u– Saturday, January 24, 2026** at Civic Center Park – Check in for 12u is from 9:30-10:00am evaluation starts at 10:30am. -
- **Evaluations BASEBALL 14u– Saturday, January 24, 2026** at Civic Center Park – Check in for 14u is from 11-11:30am evaluation starts at noon.
- **Evaluations SOFTBALL-10u -14u – Tuesday, January 27, 2026** (this is for levels 10u and above) at Civic Center Park – Check in for 10u, 12u, and 14u is at 5:30pm evaluation starts at 6:00pm.
- **Player Retention** – you are allowed to retain 4 players –
  - 1) Coach’s Child
  - 2) Assistant Coach’s Child
  - 3) Sponsor’s Child
  - 4) One other player chosen freely (As long as agreed on between coach and family)
  - \*\*\*If a manager does not have a sponsor, we suggest reaching out to parents on your team and asking if anyone knows of a sponsor. If, a sponsor cannot be found, then the league will attempt to assign a sponsor, but thus a coach does not get a “sponsor” selection.
- **Draft** – the baseball and softball drafts will be held January 29th at
  1. Location: La Quinta Brewery (74-714 Technology Dr, Palm Desert, CA 92211) – **specific day and time will be arranged and sent to each coaching division.**
    - Only the manager (head coach) is allowed.
      - Any other person attending for the manager must be approved by League.
    - You may only attend the draft for your division, not others.
    - Do not arrive early to sit in on others, do not stay after yours.
    - There are absolutely no kids allowed. **No Exceptions.**
- **Coaches Clinic** - We will be hosting a coaching clinic for all new and returning coaches on February 10<sup>th</sup> at Civic Center Park from 6:30p-8:00p.
  1. This clinic will serve as a tool to gain knowledge for best coaching policies
  2. Running an efficient and active practice
  3. Opportunity to meet other coaches in your respected division
  4. This will also be the date for equipment pickup
- **Equipment** – We want you to have the best tools possible, so If you need anything, please do not hesitate to ask. It is our goal to make sure your team’s equipment is in great working condition.
  1. The equipment pickup times will begin the week of February 2nd from 6:00pm to 8:00 pm (subject to change) at the Civic Center fields.
  2. There will be a google form that needs to be completed by each coach to track all equipment

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3. Turning in your equipment at the end of the year is **Mandatory**.
    - We will announce the return dates later in the year
      - Equipment **CANNOT** be turned into the **snack bar**.
  4. Chris & Ashley Geraurd are your equipment managers and can be reached at [springball.pdysa@gmail.com](mailto:springball.pdysa@gmail.com) and via text at 909-557-7963(Ashley) or 951-231-3287(Chris)
- **Practices** – Will be held at Freedom Park and Civic Center Park.
    1. All divisions below 6 will practice at Freedom park football fields. No exceptions.
      - This is imperative to communicate this to parents. We will not entertain ideas of exceptions to practice at Civic Center for those divisions. \*\*\*other off site locations will be considered
      - Divisions 8-14 will get 2 field practices per week and we will do our best to accommodate your day and time frame.
      - All divisions above 12 will get a 7:30-9 time slot
      - All others will be a 4:30-6 or 6-7:30 time slot
      - No practice is allowed on a field that has not been scheduled.
      - No additional equipment is supplied for practices. We recommend you purchase a set of rubber throw down bases.
      - Practices begin the week of February 2<sup>ND</sup>.
  - **Games** – Will be held at Freedom Park and Civic Center Park.
    - \*\*\*Due to an overwhelming number of enrollments, we must host games at both locations.
    - This is imperative to communicate this to parents. We will not entertain ideas of exceptions to these locations, nor will change our schedules. \*\*Snack bar will be open at both locations but available at Freedom Park on Saturdays only
    - Baseball divisions 4u and 6u will play on Saturdays at Freedom Park
    - Baseball division 8u machine will play on Saturdays at Civic Center Park
    - Baseball division 10u will play on Mondays and Wednesday at 5:45pm (there will be bye days)
    - Baseball divisions 12u and 14u will play on Monday and Wednesdays at 7:30pm (there will be bye days)
    - Softball divisions 4u and 6u will play on Saturdays at Civic Center
    - Softball divisions 8u machine and 10u will play on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:45pm at Civic Center.
    - Softball divisions 12u and 14u will play on Tuesday and Thursdays at 7:30 at Civic Center
    - The above days, times and locations are subject to change due to field availability, please be prepared to play at both locations.
    - Games begin the week of March 7th.
    - Game Results – the home team coach/managers of each game will post the final score in the shared GroupMe app and we will post scores at [www.pdysa.org](http://www.pdysa.org)

**Fields** – A great deal of money is spent to maintain the fields and to have them chalked and graded for league games. **Please do not practice on the fields before league games.**

1. Use the outfield or any other unused grass section.

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- **Uniforms** – We have made the change to ‘PDYSA’ jerseys. We will have all major league color coding available
  1. Our goal is to represent our league while being cost effective and still looking great
  2. *The shirts* (colors of your choosing) will display the PDYSA logo, player’s number and the Sponsor’s name
  3. *Hats* (color of your choosing) will also display the embroidered or a sewn patch of the PDYSA logo or simply ‘PD’
  4. Uniforms will be distributed on a date to be announced.
- **All Stars** – The all-star manager is nominated by the other managers in their respective divisions (excluding T-Ball and Boys 7/8 machine pitch) and must be approved by the board
  1. Each manager will nominate players from their team and one alternate if warranted
  2. The all-star manager has the final decision as to who he or she selects
    - **DO NOT**, under any circumstances, share your nominees with **anyone at any time**.
- **Rules** – You can find our current rules that apply to your division posted on the website. A complete copy of all divisional rules will be on file in the snack bar.
- **Umpires** – The only person who has the authority to discuss the game/calls with an on-field umpire is the manager.
  1. The manager of the game is the person that attends the plate meeting at the start of the game
    - This is a pony rule, & umpires will enforce it and not entertain non manager discussions
  2. This needs to be done discretely at the end of the inning or during an inning if warranted.
- **Sponsors** – Team Sponsorship is \$625
  1. We cannot run the league efficiently on just registration fees alone. We need sponsorships to fund almost everything we do. We understand as volunteers, this task seems daunting, however we live in a very generous community and, we are confident with a little effort every team can gain a sponsor.
    - If you are absolutely unable to do so, the league will do its best to help with leads.
- **Opening Day** – the date is March 14<sup>th</sup> at Civic Center. We are working on a slightly different approach to Opening Day.
  1. We will still have pictures on this day
  2. We will have a skills event, team presentations, flag presentation and a Softball game featuring YOU our Coaches!
  3. When the plans and agenda are finalized, we will advise
- **Manager Commitments** –
  1. 1) Managers must manage their parents. This is vital if we are to be successful.

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- If they are a problem, it **MUST** be addressed, ignoring them does not solve the issue.
    - League Representatives are available to meet with any issue or conversation you feel needs a mediator or outside representative.
  - **They and their children are our customers. They want to see that their kids are** learning and receiving sound fundamental instruction. They, in turn, must be accountable for their actions.
2. 2) The commitment is to be at practices and games on time or to make arrangements for a substitute.
- If schedules prohibit a manager from making games and practices then this position will not be a good fit. Remember, always be teaching. Recreation ball is an instructional league.
  - Cell phones – We realize that there are times when a call must be answered.
    - Please step off the field and away from the children when taking a call
      - The kids want to see that they have your full attention.
3. Managers or any team personnel on the field or in dugout **MUST** be wearing a PDYSA badge, a team Jersey or team colors and closed toed shoes. Parents are **not allowed** in the dugouts **at anytime** without the prior consent or clearance of the League
- **Code of Conduct** -The objective of PDYSA shall be to firmly implant the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, courage, and respect for authority, others, and selves to the Children of our community. To achieve this goal, PDYSA, **WILL NOT TOLERATE** actions of Managers, Coaches, Parents, or Spectators that are egregious to the league. Any person (this includes anyone associated with your player) found in violation of the following may lose the right to attend PDYSA events for the season.

### THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED:

1. Intoxication at any PDYSA event.
2. Parent/Fan verbal abuse and profanity directed at Umpires, Players, Managers, Coaches, Spectators, and League Officials.
3. Unsportsmanlike conduct, Grandstand managing, and/or Umpiring.
4. Negative criticism and profanity directed at Umpires, Players, Managers, Coaches, Spectators, or League Officials.
5. No Tobacco products in the dugouts, on the playing fields, or in the bleacher/seating areas.

### VIOLATIONS TO BE HANDLED AS SUCH:

1. Verbal warning to Manager, Coach, or Team Representative
2. Ejection of offender **AND** Manager (Head Coach)
  - a. Mandatory 1 game suspension
3. Upon ejection, if violator fails to leave the park in a timely manner, the offending team, will...
  - a. forfeit their game, with no make-up date
  - b. Manager (Head coach) will serve a 2 game suspension
  - c. ...and further, aggravated refusal to leave or returning to park at anytime on offending day, will result in law enforcement being called.

\*ALL violations of this policy shall be reviewed by the PDYSA Board, who will determine if further disciplinary action is warranted.\*

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PDYSA reserves the right to keep and review history on all violators of the above policies.

Any and all offenses that have received disciplinary action have the right to appeal such decisions in writing. Appeals should be addressed to the Commissioners at [pdysapalmdesert@gmail.com](mailto:pdysapalmdesert@gmail.com).

We bring in this new season with great excitement. We welcome your comments in any area. Please do not hesitate to email us at [pdysapalmdesert@gmail.com](mailto:pdysapalmdesert@gmail.com).

Thank you for volunteering to enrich the lives of these children and for cooperating with the league staff.

Have a wonderful season and thank you again for volunteering your time.

Sincerely,

PDYSA Board of Directors