



QUEEN CREEK LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

2026 PARENT'S MEETING

Town of Queen Creek Youth Sports Partner

Little League International



RECREATION
PARTNER



President: Erin Hoffman

Meeting Agenda

- ▶ 2026 Spring Season Board Introductions
- ▶ Little League/ QCLL Mission
- ▶ League Participation Overview
- ▶ 2026 Season Key Dates & Activities
- ▶ 2026 Division Specific Details
- ▶ 2026 Team Formation
- ▶ Parent/Coach Code of Conduct
- ▶ Abuse Awareness Training
- ▶ 2026 League Fundraising Efforts
- ▶ Community Support in QCLL
- ▶ 2025 Spring Season Overview
- ▶ Closing Thoughts & Questions



Board of Directors

Executive Committee

- ▶ **President** – Erin Hoffman
- ▶ **Vice President** – Jon Leighton
- ▶ **Secretary** – Amy Hahn
- ▶ **Treasurer** – Shevonne LaCroix
- ▶ **Safety Coordinator** – Jeff Brainard
- ▶ **Coaching Coordinator** – James Principe
- ▶ **Player Agent** – Brian Stading

Division Directors

- ▶ **Juniors** – Kelly Herring
- ▶ **Majors** – James Principe
- ▶ **Jr. Minors** – Will Figueroa
- ▶ **Sr. Minors** – James Principe
- ▶ **T-Ball/Machine Pitch** – Troy DeLeon

Role Directors

- ▶ **Equipment Manager** – Jeff Tolonen
- ▶ **IT/Comm. Officer** – Amy Hahn
- ▶ **Concessions Director** – Ashley Young
- ▶ **Fundraising/Sponsorship** – Judd Dyer
- ▶ **Umpire-In-Chief** – Nicole McIntyre

At-Large

- ▶ Josh Mote
- ▶ Steve McIntyre

Little League & QCLL Mission

- ▶ Little League's Mission - Through proper guidance and exemplary leadership, the Little League program assists children in developing the qualities of citizenship, discipline, teamwork and physical well-being. By espousing the virtues of character, courage and loyalty, the Little League Baseball and Softball program is designed to develop superior citizens rather than superior athletes.
- ▶ Queen Creek Little League aspires to be an outstanding educational-athletic organization that provides a high-quality experience, in which every athlete:
 - ▶ Is coached using the principles of Little League International
 - ▶ Has fun playing the game
 - ▶ Feels like an important part of the team regardless of performance
 - ▶ Learns "life lessons" that have value beyond the playing field
 - ▶ Learns the skills, tactics and strategies of the game and improves as a player

Dates below are subject to change.

01/14/2026	Parents Information Meeting - All Divisions	Zane Grey Room QC Library - 6:00-8:00pm
01/21/2026	Coaches Meeting #1 -T-ball, Machine Pitch, Junior Minors	Ball Room Frontier Rec Center - 6:00-7:00pm
01/21/2026	Coaches Meeting #2 - Senior Minors, Majors, Juniors	Ball Room Frontier Rec Center - 7:00-8:00pm
01/23/2026 - 01/26/2026 and 02/20/2026 - 02/23/2026	Dick's Sporting Goods Coupon Days! 20% off	Dick's Sporting Goods
01/28/2026 - 01/29/2026	Sr. Minors Try-Outs/Evaluations	Mansel Carter Park - 5:30 pm
01/27/2026	Majors Try-Outs/Evaluations	Mansel Carter Park - 5:30 pm
02/02/2026	Majors Draft	
02/03/2026	Sr. Minors Draft	
02/05/2026	Hat Day Ceremony - Senior Minors and Majors	Mansel Carter Park - 5:30pm
02/07/2026	Hat Day Ceremony - Junior Minors, Machine Pitch, Tee Ball	Mansel Carter Park - 8:00am
Week of 02/23/2026	Juniors Draft	

Date	In Season Events	Where?/When?
02/28/2026	OPENING DAY!!	Mansel Carter Park 8:00am - 12:00pm
02/28/2026	Games Start!	Mansel Carter Park
	Dates will be updated as they are finalized	
03/16/2026 - 03/22/2026	SPRING BREAK - NO GAMES	
03/28/2026	Picture Day	Mansel Carter Park
04/18/2026	Little League Night - Diamondbacks	Chase Field
05/04/2026 - 05/15/2026	Playoffs	Mansel Carter Park

2026 Key Dates (All Divisions)

2026 Hat Ceremony



A new ceremony introduced this year where players will meet their coaches and teammates and receive their 2026 Spring Season Hat!

- ▶ Thursday 2/5 @ 5:30pm for Senior Minors and Majors
- ▶ Saturday 2/7 @ 8:00am for Tball, Machine Pitch, and Junior Minor
- ▶ Further details will be shared by the league and coaches

2026 Spring Division Specific Details

Mansel Carter Oasis Park - Ball Fields Complex

The majority of games will follow the following format. There may be a few exceptions to ensure all games can be fit in (Juniors):

- **Juniors** - Evenings (Mon – Fri), Mornings (Sat) – 12 Games
- **Majors** – Evenings (Mon, Wed, Fri), Afternoons/Evenings (Sat) - 12 Games
- **Sr. Minors** - Evenings (Mon, Wed, Fri), Afternoons/Evenings (Sat) – 12 Games
- **Jr. Minors** - Evenings (Mon, Wed, Fri), Afternoons/Evenings (Sat) – 12 Games
- **Machine Pitch** – Evenings (Tue, Thu), Mornings/Afternoons (Sat) - 12 Games
- **Tee Ball** – Evenings (Tue, Thu), Mornings/Afternoons (Sat) - 10 Games

Average of 2 games per week.

Game counts above do not include the playoff tournaments for upper divisions.

2026 Spring Division Specific Rules

Division	No New Inning After:	Drop Dead Time	Mercy Rule	Max Runs in an Inning
Juniors	2 Hours	None	Up by 10 Runs after 4 complete innings ends game. (15 in Juniors)	None
Majors	1 Hour 35 Minutes	None		None
Sr. Minors	1 Hour 35 Minutes	None		Go Up by 10 Only
Jr. Minors	1 Hour 15 Minutes	1 Hour 30 Minutes		5
Machine Pitch	3 Innings Max	1 Hour 15 Minutes	N/A	N/A
Tee Ball	3 Innings Max	1 Hour 15 Minutes	N/A	N/A
Note: Sr./Jr. Minors - Unlimited Runs after 4 complete innings.				
Note: Juniors has additional mercy rule (up by 10 runs after 5 complete innings)				

New Rules for 2026 Season

- ▶ All scorekeeping and pitch counts will be done on Game Changer
- ▶ Tee Ball Divisions can have up to 3 Assistant Coaches



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DIVISION SPECIFIC RULES & GUIDELINES

The following documents provide the division specific rules and guidelines:

[Tee Ball Division](#)

[Machine Pitch Division](#)

[Junior Minors Division](#)

[Senior Minors Division](#)

[Majors Division](#)

[Juniors Division](#)

2026
Spring
Division
Specific
Rules

2026 Team Formation Overview

T-Ball & Machine Pitch

- ▶ Coach / Friend Request/ Geography

Juniors, Majors, Sr. Minors

- ▶ Try-Outs/Evaluations (Everyone makes a team!)
 - ▶ Sr. Minors –
 - ▶ Last names A-L Wednesday January 28 - 5:30pm – 7:30pm.
 - ▶ Last names M-Z Thursday January 29 – 5:30pm – 7:30pm
 - ▶ Majors – Tuesday January 27 - 5:30pm – 7:30pm
 - ▶ Juniors – Week of February 23rd - TBD

Protected Players:

- ▶ Coaches children are protected

Player Drafts

- ▶ Coaches select players in rounds.
- ▶ Siblings are tied together (same team).

Overview

2 Swings
1 Run from home to Second
2 Ground Balls
2 Infield Throws
2 Fly Balls (None in Jr. Minors)
2 Outfield Throws (None in Jr. Minors)

2026 Team Uniforms Overview

Uniforms (League Provided)

- Hat (Donated by Arizona Diamondbacks)
- Uniform Shirt (Donated by Arizona Diamondbacks)
- Black Socks
- Black Belt
- Little League Patches

Uniforms (Parent Provided)

- Pants (Color will be communicated when uniforms are selected by coaches)
- Cleats (No Metal cleats except in Juniors Division (ages 12-15))
- Patches will need to be sewn on (<https://www.littleleague.org/playing-rules/patch-requirements/>)

2026 Team Equipment Overview

Equipment (League Provided)

- Baseballs
- Helmets – Each team will have 2-3 helmets to share
- Catcher's Equipment

Equipment (Parent Provided)

- Glove
- Bat/Helmet/Catcher's Equipment - Optional if you want your own. All bats must meet the USA Bat Standard (<https://www.littleleague.org/playing-rules/bat-rules/>)
- Note: Juniors Division can also use BBCOR standard.

Safety Requirements

Safety Officer – Jeff Brainard

- ▶ Parents are not permitted inside the dugout or on the practice fields. Please conduct all business with coaches or assistant coaches before or after practices and games
- ▶ All Volunteers will receive a link to complete the background check, which will then be verified by the Safety Officer
- ▶ All Volunteers must upload the Abuse Awareness Training Certificate to their QCLL account

All Volunteers in the league are **required** to complete the following:

1. **Background Check**
2. **Abuse Awareness Training Course**

This includes Team Parents, Umpires (over 18), Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Board Members.

Anyone who will enter the fields or dugouts, practice fields (including greenbelts and offsite practices or team events).

<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/abuse-awareness-training-course/>

Queen Creek Little League

Manager Code of Conduct

1. I understand I am responsible for selecting a team parent to be responsible for all league info concerning fundraising, pictures, D-Backs day, ASU night, etc. I will have a parent meeting to discuss the info *before* my first practice.
2. I understand that I am responsible for making sure that my team is appropriate *at all times* according to the Code of Conduct. This includes the parents, the staff, the youth, and myself. I will ensure that we exercise good judgment and sportsmanship at practice, games, and when dealing with officials, QCLL board members, and other board members. I understand that having a positive role model through with discipline procedures when I coach, as a person affiliated with my team is appropriate or not following the Code of Conduct.
3. Little League International states there is a **NO TOLERANCE** policy for tobacco/alcohol/smoking. Youth will be disciplined for any offense actions.
4. I understand I am held accountable for the financial health of my team, such as lost or stolen equipment, equipment care, and that I am responsible for turning in my equipment when asked to by the equipment manager. I will understand (and that needs to be there on the day assigned by the equipment manager) to pick up head of stadium in the team's equipment. I am required to give a check in the amount of \$200 (\$250 for Machine Patch) to QCLL as a deposit on my equipment, if not turned in on scheduled date QCLL will process (cash) the deposit check. Upon return of equipment the deposit will be returned.
5. I understand that I will attend the QCLL Coaches Meeting on Jan. 29th. I will review the QCLL safety manual and adhere to all of the procedures should a player get injured. And will report the injury and the proper paper work to the Safety Director (Stephanie Denivan) no later than 48 hours from time of injury.
6. I will follow rules and regulations in accordance with Little League 2018 rulebook and QCLL pertinent division rules.

Sport Parent Code of Conduct

Little League, implemented the following Sport Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Parents should read, understand and sign this form prior to their children participating in our league.

Parents are held responsible for the behavior of their children. Any parent found guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations will result in a multiple game suspension, or the season long suspension of the privilege of attending all games.

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7. I will not encourage any behavior that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.

8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.

9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.

10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.

11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.

12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.

13. I will emphasize skill development and practice and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.

14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.

15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.

16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.

17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

Parent/Guardian Signature

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Queen Creek Little League Code of Conduct for Parents and Coaches will be strictly enforced!

Board of Director Members will remove any persons violating the Code of Conduct from the baseball fields.

and that the game is for youth, not adults.

3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.

6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.

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2026 Spring Sponsorship / Fundraising

Sponsorship / Fundraising Officer – Judd Dyer – qcllfundraising@gmail.com

Fundraising

- ▶ DICK'S Sporting Goods Shopping Days (January 23rd – 26th)
- ▶ Opening Day/Team Activities – Home Run Derby - (February 28th)
- ▶ D-Back's Little League Night (April 18th)

Sponsorship

- ▶ Companies and local business
- ▶ 2026 Sponsorship Tiered Package

2026 Community Support

- ▶ **The league operates 100% on the support of volunteers from the community:**
 - ▶ QCLL Executive Board – 7 Members
 - ▶ QCLL Extended Board – 8 Additional Members
 - ▶ Team Managers – 60 Volunteers
 - ▶ Team Assistant Coaches – 118 Volunteers
 - ▶ Team Parents – 24 Volunteers
 - ▶ Umpire/Concessions Opportunities for local kids in community
- ▶ **Significant Financial Support-** Dick's Sporting Goods, Arizona Diamondbacks, Banner Ironwood Medical Center, AZ Dingers, and Various Sponsorships from local businesses
- ▶ **Town of Queen Creek** – Facilities, field preparation, scheduling and support. Partner pricing of fields/lights is critical to our operation.



42,000+
Volunteer
Hours (Est)



2026 Community Support



Season Sponsorships

Arizona Diamondbacks

Dick's Sporting Goods

East Valley Fans & Blinds

AZ Dingers

Orangetheory Fitness

Currently
\$4,000
Of
Support

2026
Goal Of
\$15,000





Wrap Up

- HOW CAN YOU HELP?
 - Volunteer your time throughout the season
 - Sign up to be a Head Coach or Assistant Coach
 - Come to future board meetings
 - Share your feedback