



# QUEEN CREEK LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

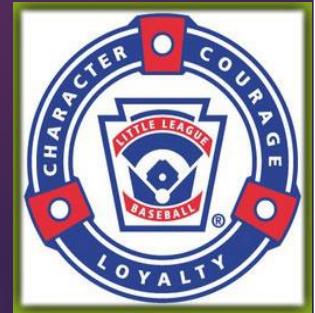
## 2026 PARENT'S MEETING

*Town of Queen Creek Youth Sports Partner*

Little League International



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

# 2026 Key Dates (All Divisions)

**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
	<b>Dates will be updated as they are finalized</b>	
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 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
<b>Note: Sr./Jr. Minors – Unlimited Runs after 4 complete innings.</b>				
<b>Note: Juniors has additional mercy rule (up by 10 runs after 5 complete innings)</b>				

# 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

# 2026 Spring Division Specific Rules



Little League

LittleLeague.org | Rulebook App | Training | LLWS | Official Store

## Queen Creek Little League

LOGIN REGISTER

HOME REGISTRATION INFO TEAM CENTRAL ALL STARS KEY SEASON DATES SPONSORSHIPS

FAQS DOCUMENTS & RULES PLAYER SAFETY STORE VOLUNTEERS BOARD MEETING INFO

ABOUT US

### 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 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 boardmembers. I understand that anyone can be a parent. Non-compliance with discipline procedures and/or any person affiliated with my team is inappropriate or not following the Code of Conduct.
3. Little League International states there is a NO TOLERANCE policy for tobacco/alcohol use in youth baseball. There will be discipline for any of these 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 returning my equipment when asked to by the equipment manager. I understand that I need to be there on the day assigned by the equipment manager to pick up/hand off equipment in my team's equipment. I am required to give a check in the amount of \$200 (\$250 for Machine Pitch) 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. 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 Dernivan) 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.

# Parent Code of Conduct / Coach Code of Conduct

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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. Please read, understand and sign this form prior to your child's participation in our league.

ent guilty of improper conduct at any game or will be asked to leave the sports facility and be banned from the following game. Repeat violations may result in a multiple game suspension, or the loss of the privilege of attending all games.

mental elements of character-building and ethics are essential. The concept of sportsmanship includes the principles: sportsmanship, teamwork, respect, and good citizenship.

nd Citizenship

potential of sports is achieved when parents are role models "umpires" of families." "I am here to help my child learn and grow in sports.

remember that children participate to have fun at the game is for youth, not adults.

inform the coach of any physical disability or condition that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.

learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.

my guest(s) 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.

my guest(s) will not engage in any kind of unmanlike conduct with any official, coach, or parent such as boozing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language during games.

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 practices 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

## ***Sport Parent Code of Conduct***

We, the \_\_\_\_\_ Little League, have implemented the following Sport Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper 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.

7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices 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.

## **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.
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Parent/Guardian Signature

# 2026 Spring Sponsorship / Fundraising

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

## **Fundraising**

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

## **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



**Banner Health**  
Ironwood Medical Center

2026  
Goal Of  
\$15,000

**SPOONER**  
MOVE BETTER. FEEL BETTER.

## Season Sponsorships

Arizona Diamondbacks

Dick's Sporting Goods

East Valley Fans & Blinds

AZ Dingers

Orangetheory Fitness

Currently  
\$4,000  
Of  
Support



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# 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