Queen Creek Heat Little League Softball 2026 Spring Parent's Meeting

Town of Queen Creek Youth Sports Partner

Desert Mountain Park

22201 Hawes Rd. Queen Creek, AZ 85142

QUEEN CREEK HEAT SOFTBALL

TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK ARIZONA RECREATION PARTNER

Queen Creek HEAT Softball

Little League

Meeting Agenda

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2026 Board Members

- President - Junior Garcia
- Vice President - Kari Kaapana-Hansen
- Secretary - Massiel Mischel
- Safety Coordinator– Samantha Harlow
- Player Agent – Rachel Rauso
- Umpire in Chief - Andre Mischel
- Sponsorship - Daniel Byers
- Coaches Coordinator - Brian Eslinger
- Concessions - Alacey Yarn
- Equipment Manager - Nick Controne
- Member At Large –Alex Garza, Karen Garcia, Kevin Aikins

- Board Member on Duty (Red Shirt) = At least 1 Board Member at the fields during practices and games.
- Please allow up to 48 hours for an email reply.
- Send questions to info@qcheat.org
- Please make sure your email address on file is up to date to receive communications from the League
- Follow us on Facebook & Instagram- Queen Creek Heat Softball

Little League & QC Heat Mission

Little League believes in the power of youth softball to teach life lessons that build stronger individuals and communities.

Through effective leadership, enthusiasm, and commitment, together with training extensions and adherence to rule and policy at the District and local league levels, Little League provides inclusive, enjoyable opportunities for any child and volunteer to participate in a community-based program that is distinctive, unique, and promotes life lessons beyond the field of play.

Player Participation

Division	Fall 2024	Spring 2025	Fall 2025	Spring 2026
T-ball (Ages: 3-6)	40	48	48	53
Machine Pitch (Ages: 6-8)	70	87	88	100
Jr Minors (Ages: 8-10)	120	116	147	111
JR Majors (Ages: 9-11)	120	119	118	116
Majors (Ages: 10-12)	72	119	120	120
Jr/Sr (Ages: 13-16)	64	61	51	49

Spring 2026 Season Dates

Important Spring 2026 Dates

- **Player Evaluations:** January 31 8am-4pm Desert Mountain Park
- **Coaches Draft:** February 3–5
- **Practices Begin:** As early as February 7, but may not start until the following week depending on your coach.
- **Dicks Sporting Goods Coupon Weekend:** 2/21-22/26
- **Scrimmages:** Week of February 23
- **Jerseys Handed out:** week of February 23
- **Opening Day Ceremonies:** March 3 gates open at 4pm, Parade starts at 5:30pm
- **Games:** Daily (except Wednesdays & Sundays)
- **Spring Break:** March 13–20 (No games)
- **Spring Pictures:** March 21

2026 Spring Budget

Revenue	2026 Projected	Actual	Final
Registration	90,000.00		
Clinics	2,000.00		
Raffle Tickets	3,000.00		
Concessions	50,000.00		
Sponsorships	1,500.00		
TOTAL REVENUE	146,500.00		

Expense			
Charter/Insurance Fee	5,000.00		
Game & Practice Balls	5,700.00	0.00	
Chalk	2,600.00		
Spring team photo	6,400.00		
Trophies/awards	5,400.00		
Field Rental & Lights	50,000.00		
Uniforms	20,000.00	0.00	
Umpires	20,000.00		
Saftey/ First Aid Kits	162.60		
Field Improvements	0.00	0.00	
Equipment/Gear	1,000.00		
PO BOX	200.00		
Tmobile (6months)	745.00		
Office Supplies	450.00		
Software & Apps	1,000.00		
Background Checks	0.00		
Sponsor Banners	300.00		
Opening Ceramonies	745.00		
Concessions	30,000.00		
TOTAL EXPENSE	149,702.60	0.00	0.00
Surplus/Deficit	-3,202.60	0.00	0.00

Queen Creek Heat Jr Umpires

Guidelines and rules for Parents and Coaches:

2026 Spring Season

Queen Creek Heat is proud to support and train Jr Umpires who are learning and growing in the game of softball. These youth officials deserve the same respect and professionalism expected of players, coaches, and spectators.

General Expectations:

- **Jr Umpires are minors**. Treat them with kindness and respect at all times.
- **Zero Tolerance** for yelling, arguing, or making derogatory comments towards any umpire. You will be ejected from the park for the game, possibly the season.
- Coaches and parents are expected to set a positive example for players by supporting the umpire crew – regardless of age or experience.
- Constructive feedback, if needed, must go through **BMOD** or **Umpire Coordinator** after the game – not during or immediately after the event.

Absolutely Prohibited:

- Parents are not to confront a Junior Umpire before, during, or after a game.
- Coaching your player to argue calls or question umpire judgment.
- Shouting calls from the stands or dugout (e.g., “That was a strike!” or “Are you blind?”).
- Using sarcasm or mock applause toward umpire decisions.

Violations may result in removal from the game, suspension, or further disciplinary action by league officials.

For Coaches:

- You are responsible for maintaining control of your team and fans.
- If there is a legitimate concern during a game, ask for a time out, speak calmly and respectfully to the plate umpire.
- Encourage players to hustle, play hard, and respect all officials — just as they would want to be respected.

Support Their Growth:

Remember, many Junior Umpires are in their first or second year of officiating. Just like young players, they will make mistakes — and they are learning every time they step on the field. Let’s give them the same grace and support we give our athletes.

If you have questions or concerns about umpire performance, please contact the **Umpire Coordinator** directly at **umpires@qcheat.org**

IMPORTANT INFO TO REMEMBER

- QC Heat follows 2026 Little League Softball rules in addition to our modified Queen Creek Heat rules. Modified playing rules for each division can be found on our website: Rules
- **We now use the Sports Connect platform** for ALL team communication and schedules. Once the team is uploaded it will be available in the Game Changer App. Family account information can only be modified by Family Administrators
- Coaches will notify you of the pant color you need to purchase for games. Jersey and sock colors are chosen by coaches next week.
- Practice times, location and frequency are at the coach's discretion.
- ***Jerseys cannot be modified in ANY way.***
- Coaches will be provided with a set of League Catchers Gear if your daughter does not have her own.
- QC Heat online store is available at: https://qcheat.big3creative.com/ for parents to purchase league or team specific SWAG. (water bottles, hoodies, parent shirts, visors, hats, etc.)
- Team Parent is needed for every team - Please consider volunteering and making a big impact on the team!

Equipment needed to PLAY

T-ball & Machine Pitch

Cleats are recommended but not required

Glove

Bat (league provides each team with 1)

Helmet (league provides coaches with 3 but we highly recommend purchasing - does not need face mask)

Ball will be 10” soft Rawlings

T-ball bases are 35 feet apart and games last 45 minutes to 1 hour. 3 games are played on 1 field, with teams rotating each week on the dirt.

Machine Pitch bases are 50 feet apart and games last a minimum of 1 hour & 15 minutes

Batting Helmet with NO Mask

JR Minors & JR Majors

Cleats (plastic molded) are required for safety

Glove

Fastpitch Bat (needs to be right length and weight for individual player)

Helmet - Face Masks required

11” balls

Jr Minors = Kid/Coach Pitch from 35 ft

Jr Majors = Kid Pitch from 35 ft (Drop 3rd Strike starts)

Batting Helmet with Mask

Majors & Jr/Sr Division

Majors: Cleats (plastic molded) are required for safety

Jr/Sr: Cleats (plastic molded) are required. No Metal cleats allowed

Glove

Fastpitch Bat (needs to be correct length and weight for individual player)

Helmet - Face Masks required

Fielding masks are encouraged but not required for our league.

12” balls

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Parent Code of Conduct

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

• Trustworthiness • Respect • Responsibility • Fairness • Caring • Good Citizenship.

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun 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.
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.
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.

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Board
Members
Needed

Final Thoughts

Safety is our first priority
Respecting & Supporting your coaches, players, umpires, concessions and Board Member Volunteers

*****Always Remember*****

1. **These are kids**
2. **It's just a game**
3. **My Coaches are Volunteers**
4. **The Umpires are Humans**
5. **No College Scholarships will be handed out today**