

PHBA TEAM BASKETS!



Q&A:

Q: WHAT ARE THE TEAM BASKETS FOR?

A: *Team baskets are used to help raise funds to keep our fields/grounds looking their best, our snack shack in tip-top shape, and help provide our community's children with a healthy, positive and active outlet for all to enjoy. The baskets also provide a fun opportunity to win exciting gifts and build relationships with our community's businesses. During a typical season we have Basket Raffles on Opening Day & Picture Day, a couple baskets will be utilized as prizes at our Poker Tournament and most importantly our silent & live auction at our Annual Parents Banquet!*

Q: WHAT "THEME" SHOULD OUR TEAM BASKET REPRESENT?

A: *Generally, we suggest the instructional teams focus on more of a "family" theme like baseball, amusement parks, toys, etc.- and work your way up the age ladder with more adult geared ideas...however, this is not a requirement. Another factor to think about is, when your basket is due- if your basket is due on Opening Day or Picture Day, family friendly baskets are usually a huge hit, as the kids love to try and win those baskets by buying raffle tickets. Please go wild and crazy with your creativity! As we appreciate ALL of the wonderful thought & effort that you and your team put into your team's basket!*

Q: WHAT SHOULD THE VALUE OF THE TEAM BASKET BE?

A: *We kindly ask that the minimum value is above \$200.00. Typically, each player's family is asked to contribute around \$20-30 to support this cause. However, generally speaking – the MORE valuable a basket, the higher bidding price & success for the league. The possibilities are endless!*

Q: HOW DO I PACKAGE MY TEAM BASKET?

A: *Simple, any way you would like! Size does not matter. We do ask that you make sure your team "basket" is secure & items cannot fall out easily. A "basket" can be up to your imagination- it can be a box, wagon, a plant, barrel, bag or even a larger item in and of itself (for instance a toolbox, tent or a cooler). Be creative!*

Q: HOW DO I GET FUNDS/ITEMS FOR MY TEAM BASKET?

A: *Typically, asking your team parents to help out is your number one source! The Team Coordinator can provide a roster of emails for outreach, but most coordinators will include this cost in a "flat rate" donation to cover the cost of shirt lettering, coaches' gifts and end of season party. Donation items are also a great source!*

Ask your team parents if they have any community resources that can be utilized or anything at home they can spare (unused gift cards from the holidays, services, experiences, etc.) that would go with your theme or take the place of cash. We also can provide a PHBA donation letter with our TAX ID if requested.

Q: WHERE DO I DROP OFF MY TEAM BASKET?

A: All baskets will be held by the Basket Coordinator until its due date. If storage or dropping off of the basket is an obstacle, we suggest sending your team a message and ask that another family to store the basket or help with drop offing off your basket. Baskets due on Opening Day and Picture Day will be dropped off between 7-8am at the PHBA Conference Room. Baskets due at the Parent Banquet will be dropped off at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center between 2:30-3:30pm We ask that you do not drop your basket at the conference room earlier than the date & time listed. This is to keep the items safe and accounted for.

Q: WHEN IS MY TEAM BASKET DUE?

A:

DATE:	TEAMS DROPPING OFF BASKETS:
Saturday, March 5th PHBA OPENING DAY PHBA Conference Room: 7:00-8:00am	ANGELS BRAVES CARDINALS MARLINS PHILLIES TWINS WHITE SOCKS
Saturday, May 7th PHBA PARENT BANQUET Pleasant Hill Senior Center: 2:30-3:30pm	A's CUBS GIANTS METS NATIONALS ORIOLES PIRATES RAYS RED SOCKS ROCKIES ROYALS TIGERS YANKEES
Saturday, May 21st PHBA PICTURE DAY PHBA Conference Room: 7:00-8:00am	ASTROS BLUE JAYS DBACKS DODGERS PADRES RANGERS

Q: CAN I HAVE SOMEONE ELSE DROP OFF MY TEAM BASKET, IF I AM NOT AVAILABLE?

A: *YES! But, please make sure you have filled out the Team Basket volunteer form online prior to drop off. This volunteer questionnaire will validate your LAFF commitment. Whoever does drop the basket off on your assigned day, must have the following info: the name of the basket coordinator, baseball/softball league & the team name to certify the team basket coordinator completed its volunteer hours.*

Q: WHAT IF OUR TEAM DOES NOT HAVE A BASKET VOLUNTEER?

A: *All teams should have one. If your team does not, please ask someone to step up ASAP. It is mandatory that ALL teams provide a team basket. If there are issues, we can defer to a buyout situation at \$300 directly to PHBA by May 1st. But we would much rather have the creativity and showcase effect!*

Thank you once again for your AMAZING creativity and volunteer efforts! The PHBA Team Baskets are such a fun, yet important tradition to our league, that so many of our families enjoy for years to come! You are truly appreciated, and we look forward to seeing some OUTSTANDING team baskets this year!

Best regards,

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