**DYSA Spring – Team Parent Training**

* **Importance of a Team Parent** 
  + Promote DYSA values, Player Agent de facto
  + We need coaches focused on preparing for, and facilitating, great practices and games!
  + Team Parents enable coaches to have smooth running practices and games; positive coaching; FUN!
  + FYI: League ‘legal’ rules:
    - An adult female must be in the dugout on game days; requires background check.
    - An adult female must be at practices (can also be the female coach or asst coach)
  + FYI: Also shared at coach training:
    - Your team parent and dugout mom cannot also be a coach or assistant coach!
    - Your team parent and dugout mom cannot also be a score keeper!
    - Your team parent and dugout mom cannot also be an umpire!
    - Your team parent and dugout mom does not just sit on the dugout bench.
  + Nice to have: 2 Team Parents – have a lead and back-up, or split duties
* **Team Parent duties**
  + Team Parents primary duties include:
    - Pick up uniforms and distribute to players at practice
    - Ensure there is game day ‘dugout mom’ coverage and organization (e.g. dugout bins)
    - Team Parents also manage or identify other parent volunteer coordinators for:
      * Banner creation – must have by Opening Day!
      * Visors printed – must have by Opening Day!
      * Snack coordinator sign-up
      * Rotary coordinator
      * Picture Day coordinator
      * End of season party & awards coordinator
        + *Teams purchase their own awards.*
        + *DYSA will provide medals only for 1st and 2nd place at end of the season tourney*
  + Shutterfly team site – set it up (if coach has not set it up already)
    - It is the best place to post volunteer contacts – it helps remind and hold folks accountable
    - Get all team info and events posted, e.g. volunteer contacts, practice and game schedule, fundraiser events, snack schedule, rotary and picture day reminders, end of season party