**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