



January 6, 2026

To All of our East Families:

75 YEARS!!! We cannot express enough thanks to all the past and present players, families, coaches and fans who have made East Youth Baseball the BEST LEAGUE AROUND!!! We are excited for the future of East as we continue to give all children a place to learn and play the greatest game on Earth! We have a lot of things planned to celebrate our Diamond Anniversary in 2026. We have already announced our Brick Plaza Project and our 75th anniversary webstore. We are also currently planning a huge 75th Anniversary Gala and Capital Campaign Kickoff later this Summer. More information will be released at a later date. You can keep track of all these things and more on our EAST 75 webpage.

The smell of baseball is in the air, and we are ready for our 2026 Spring season. Registration will open on Monday, January 12, 2026. Registration information and links will be sent in an email and posted on our Facebook page and website. We will again offer the \$20 off Early Bird Special for registrations before February 1, 2026, and the 20% Family Discount after the Early Bird Special ends. All leagues will be offered again. This year, we have added some league combination options for certain ages to allow parents more choices for the children and their skill levels. Detailed information will be available when registration begins.

Our pre-season dates could be adjusted, but below is a preliminary outline:

- 1/12/26 – 3/1/26: Registration
- Week of 3/9/26: Assessments
- Week of 3/30/26: Practices begin
- 4/17/26: Field Day
- 4/18/26: OPENING DAY!

On a personal note, 2026 will be my 6th and final year as East President. East and our Board are both in strong positions, and it's time for somebody else to take the reigns to lead us into the future. I'm not going anywhere though; I bleed purple & orange. I will still be on the Board as Past President & Major Commissioner, and I intend to keep coaching Purple teams for as long as I possibly can! The Board plans to vote on a succession plan prior to the Spring Season starting. As with everything I do in life, I always try to leave things better than I found them, and I feel I have done that in my time as East President. I LOVE our giant East family, and I am so very thankful for the help and support of all our families, coaches and players.

We can't thank you enough. We expect 2026 to be our best year yet!

Sincerely,
Chris Young
President, East Youth Baseball