



Dear Player/Parent,

Welcome to the SD Crush Baseball Academy!

This welcome email contains all the information needed to participate in the Crush baseball program. If you have not already submitted the Crush "Player Registration Application & Release," please do so. The completed form can be printed and turned in at practice or scanned and emailed back. Signing the Player Registration Application & Release acknowledges and accepts the statements, terms, and policies included in it, as well as the statements, terms, and policies listed below.

**Team rules:**

- Please send an email note whenever your son will be unavailable for a practice or game. We prefer to know if players are unavailable for a game by the Monday five or six days before the game.
- Please avoid dugout contact, stay off all fields, and stay out of the batting cage and gated bullpen area at Poway High School. We believe that a major part of learning and maturing means handling success and failure independently, or with coach guidance. Sometimes these trivial moments are perfect for teaching good ethics, morals, and courage - both in sports and in life. We ask that parents please respect the space of players and coaches during all Crush events.
- Good sportsmanship is an organizational value. Players are expected to respect all teammates' differences and abilities. BULLYING OR EXCLUSIONARY BEHAVIORS ARE NOT ALLOWED. THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY COULD RESULT IN TERMINATION FROM THE PROGRAM.

**Practices and game schedules:**

Practice days and times, along with upcoming games, will be posted on our website under the "Schedules" tab on our [website](#). There are normally 2 practices a week - one is a field practice at the Poway Community Center and one is a batting cage practice at Poway High School. Our practice days and times stay consistent for the entire season. Game days and times fluctuate. Generally, we will have 12 Crush events per month when the club is full time. An "event" is a practice or game.

**Weekend Schedules:**

The weekend schedule for a normal 4 weekend month will consist of:

- A scrimmage game on three weekends of the month, and an OFF weekend on the fourth weekend,  
OR
- two weekends with scrimmage games, a tournament on the third weekend, and an OFF weekend on the fourth weekend.

Travel ball schedules can be fluid - teams often cancel and other events outside of our control can disrupt the schedule. We may end up having 2 scrimmage games in a month or 2 tournaments or practices in another month. Due to rain, we may end up only having batting cage practices if the fields

are wet. We try to keep the calendar up-to-date and there will always be a weekly email with the upcoming weekend schedule and game roster. Weekend games and practices can be on Saturday or Sunday. Tournaments are usually Saturday and Sunday events. Home games will be played in Poway. Tournaments will be local San Diego tournaments unless an individual team agrees on and plans for an out-of-town tournament.

**Communication:**

Communication will be through email at [sdcrush@outlook.com](mailto:sdcrush@outlook.com). This is the preferred form of communication if there are questions or if anything comes up. Most of the time, a response can be expected within 24 hours or less. We are always happy to answer questions and provide feedback - that is part of our job and we take pride in good communication. A coach meeting before or after practice can also be set up through email, if necessary.

**Rosters:**

Roster spots will be earned by performance in previous games, performance, and attendance in practices, and coach evaluation. Roster spots in games are not guaranteed. By joining the Crush, players will learn how to improve as baseball players, as well as learn how to work hard, be a good teammate, push themselves, and learn how to think or react in new or difficult situations. Travel ball is different from Little League because the stronger players will get more playing time. Each player will receive quality instruction at practices twice a week with the opportunity to earn playing time in games and tournaments.

**Uniforms:**

Players/Parents must log on to the Crush site and order uniforms themselves. Uniform production is outsourced to Team Sports of North County. A link to their site can be found through the Crush website [HERE](#). You will need to log in to the site using "TEAMSPORTSNC" as a password.

The "SD Crush Player Package," priced at \$125, will have all of the needed Crush gear. You will need to enter the sizes that you would like as well as the jersey numbers. If you have not already, please check with us on jersey number availability. We will need your player's top 4 jersey numbers to confirm number availability.

The green and black shirts can be worn to practices. We do not wear white jerseys at practices. White pants are worn for home games and gray pants are worn for away games. Both white and gray can be worn for practice. The boys wear green socks and green belts, which along with the pants, are not for sale in the store. *Players should have black helmets and black cleats.*

**Program Fees:**

The program fee structure is below. Fees are paid by check made out to "SD Crush."

Season:	15u, 14u, & 13u:	12u:	11u and below:
*Fall:	\$1175	\$1175	\$1050
**Spring:	\$1075	\$815	\$730

\*The Fall season runs July to mid-December

\*\*The Spring season runs January through May.

\*\*\*12u and below Spring fees include January as a full-time month (three events a week) and then February through May as part-time months (two events per week) so that players can play Little League. Playing full-time the whole Spring is an option that is also available.

There are no sign-up or annual fees. Fees are necessary to cover facility rentals, equipment, game and league fees, and our coaching staff. If a player is unable to complete a season, the player will be refunded the prorated amount. Program fees will also be prorated for players that join mid-season. *If there are ever financial hardships, please ask about our scholarship program - these conversations are always confidential. We believe program fees should never hinder the opportunities of a player.*

#### **Tournament Fees:**

For each tournament that is played, there will be an additional tournament fee. Local tournament fees are normally between \$60 and \$90, depending on the cost of the tournament and the additional coaching hours.

#### **Rainout Policy:**

To create and maintain a successful and competitive program, it is in everyone's best interest to get as many practices and games in per month as possible. Because we have access to Poway High School, rained out events are usually subsidized with indoor batting cage practices. However, sometimes due to weather or other circumstances, it is not possible to hold practice or play games. When this is the case, program dues are not discounted or prorated.

#### **Refund Policy:**

The Crush monthly budget is based on dues on the first of the month. Because of this, once dues are charged, there are no refunds for any absences or missed events. Also, once dues are charged, there are no refunds if the player leaves the program or is unable to participate for the remaining Crush events in the month. Program fees are also not prorated on a monthly basis for vacations or absences unless the player plans on taking the entire month off and notice is given. When this is the case, the player does risk losing his spot. Club dues will be refunded if the club is shut down for any reason.

#### **Late Fee Policy:**

If no payment is received by the 15th of the month the player will not be allowed to participate in team events and there will be a \$25 late penalty added to the next payment.

Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions!

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