

2026 RECRUITING PACKET



CALIFORNIA GRIZZLIES

COLLEGIATE POST-GRADUATE BASEBALL

Develop. Compete. Get Recruited.



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THE EXTRA YEAR THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING

WHY POST-GRAD?

Most high school players hang up the cleats at 18. Not you.

High school players are fighting a transfer portal with 6,000+ college athletes re-entering the market each year. Post-grad is how you catch up.

6,000+

TRANSFER PORTAL

College players re-entering recruiting each year, fighting HS grads for roster spots

1,800

D1 ROSTER CUTS

2025 D1 roster cap dropped from 40 to 34 — 1,800 spots eliminated nationwide

40+

PER ROSTER

The average college roster now carries 40 players competing for 9 starting spots

DID YOU KNOW

ONLY 1 IN 6 D1 FRESHMEN ACTUALLY PLAY.

Our survey of college programs shows that at the majority of D1 schools, **only 1 in 6 incoming freshmen see meaningful playing time.** That number is even smaller at D2 and NAIA programs. D3 varies — but the message is clear: between the transfer portal, COVID eligibility, and new roster cuts, true freshmen are getting squeezed out. A post-grad year flips the script — you arrive bigger, stronger, with a season of college-level game data and a coach who already knows your role. **More playing time. Sooner. Not later.**

~70

GAMES PLAYED

No restrictions on D1, D2, D3, NAIA or JUCO competition

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ELIGIBILITY LOST

Post-grad does NOT count against your NCAA, NAIA or JUCO clock

\$70M+

PLACED BY US

Earned by 1,500+ athletes our two recruiting coordinators have committed

ZERO RISK TO ELIGIBILITY | MORE PLAYING TIME | COLLEGE-LEVEL EXPOSURE | FULL DEVELOPMENT YEAR



WELCOME

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

OUR MISSION — DEVELOP THE PLAYER. PROTECT THE ELIGIBILITY. PLACE THE ATHLETE.

THE GRIZZLIES WAY

A full collegiate experience — daily training, real games, and professional development — built for the player who isn't done yet. Based in **Palm Springs, California**, where 300+ days of sun mean zero rainouts and zero excuses. **No cost to your eligibility.**

8 MONTHS. SEPTEMBER TO MAY.

Five to six sessions a week. On-field practice, competitive games, strength & conditioning, nutrition, and mental training — holistic development on and off the field.

WHAT YOU GET

- **Athletic Development** — daily training, position-specific instruction, elite S&C.
- **Up to 70 Games** vs. D1, D2, D3, NAIA & JUCO programs across fall and winter.
- **Aggressive Recruiting** — scouts actively placing every athlete in a college program.
- **Academic Flexibility** — gap year, online, or in-person at College of the Desert.
- **Personalized Guidance** — one-on-one attention from coaches and front office.



5-6×

PRACTICES

Weekly on-field sessions at Ted Hamilton Field

3-4×

WEIGHT ROOM

Strength & conditioning at Self-Made Training

4-8

GAMES / WK

Vs. D1, D2, D3, NAIA & JUCO competition

SoCal

TRAVEL

Weekly bus & van trips across Southern California

CALIFORNIA GRIZZLIES COLLEGIATE POST GRAD — WHERE YOUR FUTURE IN BASEBALL BEGINS.





WHERE YOU TRAIN

FACILITIES

300+ days of sun. Zero rainouts. Four world-class facilities.

PALM SPRINGS STADIUM

1901 E BARISSO RD, PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262



Former spring training complex of the **Los Angeles Angels**. Pro-grade surface. Under the lights in front of scouts.

TED HAMILTON FIELD

COLLEGE OF THE DESERT — PALM DESERT, CA



Our daily practice facility. Full infield, bullpens, cage work — six days a week at the home of the COD Roadrunners.

SELF-MADE TRAINING

3520 N ANZA RD, PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262



The heart of our strength program. Private team weight room, individualized programming from our Director of Player Performance.

EOS FITNESS — 24/7

4070 AIRPORT CENTER DR, PALM SPRINGS, CA 92264



24/7 access for recovery, cardio, and supplemental work on your own schedule. Supports our holistic development philosophy.

PALM SPRINGS ADVANTAGE

BASEBALL ALL YEAR. NO EXCUSES.

300+ days of sun a year means no rainouts, no snow days, no indoor workarounds — just pure, uninterrupted development from September through May.



WHERE YOU LIVE

HOUSING



DESERT BOUTIQUE APARTMENT HOMES — 2500 E PALM CANYON DR, PALM SPRINGS, CA 92264

LUXURY AMENITIES

2BR/2BA units, ~1,000 sq ft. Full kitchens, in-unit washer/dryer, four resort-style pools and hot tubs.

RESORT-INSPIRED LIVING

Gated community minutes from the stadium. On-site parking. Walking distance to groceries.

AFFORDABLE RENT

~\$600/month per athlete, four per unit. 8-month lease aligned with the Grizzlies season.

NO CAR? NO PROBLEM.

We coordinate transportation to practices, games, the weight room, and grocery runs.

LIVE LIKE A PRO

TRAIN HARD. RECOVER HARDER.

Four pools. Four hot tubs. Year-round sunshine. Desert Boutique is built for recovery — so you can show up to the field every day ready to work.

LUXURY LIVING | FOCUS ON YOUR GAME | ENJOY THE LIFESTYLE





THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE PROGRAM

COACHING STAFF

ZACK NOVIS HEAD COACH

- 2x CIF state champion at Palm Desert HS
- Former Pitching Coach — University of Saint Mary (multiple all-conference pitchers)
- PSCL championship manager — Morongo North Stars (2021)
- Former Head Coach — Driveline Baseball Youth Academy

TINO NOVIS ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH

- 2x College of the Desert player (2013–14); Field Coordinator 2019–20
- Former League Coordinator — Palm Springs Collegiate League
- Entering his second season with the Grizzlies

JON TESSIER ASSISTANT COACH

- Former Assistant Pitching Coach — College of the Desert (2023–24)
- NCAA D3 All-Conference player — Eastern Nazarene College
- B.S. Sports Management — Eastern Nazarene

JACOB MEJIA HITTING & INFIELD COACH

- Played at River City College, College of the Desert & Cal State San Bernardino
- First Team All-Conference — Inland Empire Athletic Conference
- Career collegiate batting average over .315

DWAYNE GREEN DIRECTOR OF PLAYER PERFORMANCE

- CSCS, NASM-CES, USAW Level 1 Sports Performance Coach
- B.S. Kinesiology; former EOS Fitness Head Fitness Director
- Current strength coach at College of the Desert

ZACK SHEETS, PHD DIRECTOR OF CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

- PhD Leadership — University of the Cumberlands
- Former Director of Team Development — Baylor Football
- SEC-level mindset & leadership training





WHO'S IN YOUR CORNER

FRONT OFFICE STAFF

KATY CRITTENDEN DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

- Oversees all program operations, compliance and logistics
- Manages athlete registration, travel and competition scheduling
- Leads athlete on-boarding, housing and communications

CASEY DILL DIRECTOR OF BASEBALL OPERATIONS

- Former Scout — **Atlanta Braves & Toronto Blue Jays**
- MLB Scout School grad & MLB Scouting Bureau certified
- Collegiate coaching at Cal State Chico, New Mexico Highlands & Harris-Stowe State
- National Recruiting Advisor — SportsForce | management@thequarrystl.com

MATTHEW MEIER DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS & PLAYER RECRUITING

- Pitched at **Lindenwood University**
- Drafted by the **Colorado Rockies** — 30th Round
- Coached D1 & D2 baseball for seven (7) years
- Recruiting Coordinator — **Italian National Team**
- Recruited heavily in Canada (FJSL, CPBL, PBLO)

1,500+
ATHLETES COMMITTED

\$70M+
SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS

~70
GAMES PER SEASON



HOW WE PLACE EVERY PLAYER

THE RECRUITING PROCESS



1,500+ ATHLETES COMMITTED | \$70M+ IN SCHOLARSHIPS EARNED BY OUR RECRUITING COORDINATORS

01 INITIAL EVALUATION

Submit your film and background. Casey Dill and our front office review your profile, identify gaps, and determine where you fit on our roster.

02 PERSONAL CONVERSATION

Sit down with our staff to talk through your goals: location, division level, academic plan, and what you need to add to your game this year.

03 COMMITMENT & ONBOARDING

Place your deposit, lock in your roster spot, secure housing at Desert Boutique, and set up your zero-interest payment plan.

04 DEVELOPMENT PLAN

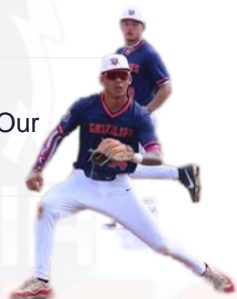
Before you arrive, our coaching staff builds your individualized plan: on-field, weight room, and nutrition goals logged in the Grizzlies Portal.

05 SEASON & EXPOSURE

Compete in up to 70 games across fall and winter. Every outing is tracked, filmed, and put in front of college coaches through our national network.

06 PLACEMENT & BEYOND

We actively help you communicate with college coaches, craft your pitch, and find the right fit. Our support continues even after you commit.





INDIVIDUALIZED DEVELOPMENT TRACKING

THE GRIZZLIES PORTAL

Every Grizzly gets their own digital development headquarters. Track on-field metrics, strength PRs, nutrition, communication, recruiting, and tuition — all in one place. One profile. Zero guesswork.

MY DASHBOARD
Jake Morrison — #1 - CF - Spring 2025

EXIT VELOCITY
102 mph
+4 from entry

60-YARD DASH
6.62
Improved 0.14s

TODAY'S NUTRITION CHECK-IN [Log Intake](#)

Protein	140 / 185g
Calories	2,800 / 3,400
Water	96 / 128 oz

MY 6-MONTH GOALS PROGRESS

EXIT VELOCITY	60-YARD DASH
102 — 100 mph	6.62 — 6.45

MY DASHBOARD — PLAYER SNAPSHOT

MY WORKOUTS

TRUCK — LANCE DODD

Workout	Start	End	Location	Notes
Rock Run	8:14	3:10	Box	
Resistance Circuit	8:14	2:25	Box	
Weighting Lunges	8:10	0:00	Box	
Handicap Calf	8:10	0:00	Box	
Push-Ups - 1st Session	8:10	0:00	Box	

MY EVERY-DAY RITUALS

Activity	Start	End	Location	Notes
Rock Run	8:00	1:00	Box	
Handicap Calf	1:15	1:45	Box	
Handicap Lunges	1:45	1:47	Box	
Handicap Push-Ups	1:45	1:45	Box	

MY WORKOUTS

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NUTRITION LOG

LOG TODAY'S INTAKE

Calories	2,800	3,400
Protein	140	185g
Water	96	128 oz

MY TARGETS

Calories	3,400
Protein	185g
Water	128 oz

WEEKLY COMPLIANCE

Day	Protein	Calories	Water
Mon	100%	100%	100%
Tue	100%	100%	100%
Wed	100%	100%	100%
Thu	100%	100%	100%
Fri	100%	100%	100%

NUTRITION LOG

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ON-FIELD

Exit velo, bat speed, pitch metrics, Blast & Rapsodo

WEIGHT ROOM

Individualized lifts, PR tracking, mobility & corrective work, load monitoring

DIET & NUTRITION

Macro targets, meal-prep guides, daily check-ins, hydration & recovery

"WHAT GETS MEASURED, GETS IMPROVED."

Communication, recruiting, tuition and player development — all tracked in one place. Coaches review weekly. Parents stay in the loop. Recruiters see a clean, professional record. Your year is documented from day one.



A DAY IN THE LIFE

MOCK DAILY SCHEDULE

Practice days. Lift days. Game days. Here's what the grind looks like for a Grizzly.

PRACTICE DAY

TIME	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
7:00 AM	Wake & Fuel	Breakfast per nutrition plan, hydration check
8:00 AM	Practice	On-field practice at Ted Hamilton Field until 12 PM
12:00 PM	Break	Shower, eat, school (if taking classes)
3:30 PM	Lift	Team strength session at Self-Made Training
5:30 PM	Lift Finishes	Wraps up depending on lift group
Mid-Week	Recruiting Meetings	1-on-1 sessions with front office on college placement

GAME DAY

TIME	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
-2 HRS	Report to Field	Arrive two hours before first pitch
Pre-Game	Warmup	Dynamic warm-up, long toss, arm care
Pre-Game	Batting Practice	Rounds in the cage and on the field
Pre-Game	In & Out	Infield/outfield, situations, pitcher work
Pre-Game	Ground Rules	Umpire meeting, lineup exchange, national anthem
Game	Doubleheader	Most games are doubleheaders — 2 hours each
Travel	Account For It	If it's a road game, factor travel to and from Palm Springs

UP TO 70 GAMES | NO RESTRICTIONS ON D1, D2, D3, NAIA OR JUCO COMPETITION





WHERE GRIZZLIES GO

COLLEGIATE COMMITMENTS

Our two recruiting coordinators have committed 1,500+ athletes earning more than \$70M in scholarship dollars over their careers. Here's a recent snapshot of where our guys landed.

COMMITMENTS SINCE 2024

PLAYER	COLLEGE	PLAYER	COLLEGE
Cole Alpen	College of Marin	Gatlyn Leard	Folsom Lake College
Xavier Alvarado	University of the Southwest	Brady Matson	College of the Redwoods
Logan Anderson	Oklahoma Panhandle State University	Jayden Mizokami	LA Harbor College
Wynston Bishop	Chabot College	Joel Montano	Contra Costa College
Bradley Blankenship	Citrus College	Daniel Montano	Contra Costa College
Jake Burnett	Ohlone College	Jake Neville	Citrus College
Samuel Carmona	Citrus College	Steven Newberry	Folsom Lake College
Brayden Carter	Grossmont College	Jaten Pousson	University of Pittsburgh-Bradford
Tyler Cazares	Rio Hondo College	Ben Proulx	Mott Community College
Robert (RL) Chandler	College of the Desert	Damian Quintana	College of the Desert
Ethan Crowhurst	Douglas College	Hayden Robbins	Colby CC
Caleb Cunningham	Contra Costa College	Dante Rodriguez	Folsom Lake College
Chance Descalchuk	Miles Community College	Michael Saltzer	Citrus College
Alex Digiacinto	Missouri University of Science & Technology	Eirevan Saper	Diablo Valley Community College
Nicolas Durso	Cuesta College	Davin Schnakenberg	Citrus College
Deacon Fritz	College of the Redwoods	Karter Scott	Miles Community College
Aaron Garcia	Citrus College	Roderick Shaw	College of the Redwoods
Parker Howald	Napa Valley College	Owen Tessier	College of the Redwoods
Derrick Jones	College of the Desert	Cocoro Tomonari	Delta College
Kade Jordan	Victor Valley College	Caleb Turvin	Cerro Coso College
Dawson Juntunen	Dawson College	Gavin Wilson	Dawson Community College
Harry Lamont	University of Charleston	Dale Wood	Bryan Stratton — NY



INVESTING IN YOUR GAME

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Transparent pricing. No surprises. Here's exactly what's included and how it works.

WHAT TUITION INCLUDES

- Full-season coaching & development
- Up to **70 collegiate-level games**
- Team gear & game uniforms
- Self-Made Training strength facility
- The Grizzlies Portal platform
- Recruiting & college placement support
- All in-season team travel

ZERO-INTEREST PAYMENT PLANS

Flexible monthly auto-pay via bank transfer or card.
Zero interest — no hidden fees. Plan begins at deposit.

ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded based on evaluation and roster fit.
Scholarship conversations happen directly with our front office.

REFUND POLICY

Decommitments before April 1 forfeit the deposit. After April 1, non-refundable.

THE REAL VALUE

ONE YEAR. LIFE-CHANGING ROI.

Our athletes earn, on average, **\$40K+ in combined athletic and academic scholarships per year** — over four years, that's a life-changing return on a single post-grad season with the Grizzlies.

ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS | FLEXIBLE PAYMENT PLANS | TRANSPARENT PRICING





EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Will this cost me a year of college eligibility?

A. No. Post-grad baseball does not count against your NCAA, NAIA or JUCO eligibility. You get a free year of collegiate-level baseball with zero risk to your clock.

Q. Do I have to take classes?

A. No. Athletes can take a full gap year, pursue online coursework, or enroll in in-person classes at College of the Desert — your choice. The program has no academic component.

Q. Can I hold a part-time job?

A. Yes. Part-time work is welcome, but California Grizzlies baseball must remain the priority.

Q. What level will we actually play against?

A. Real college competition — D1, D2, D3, NAIA and JUCO programs. We play up to **70 games** across fall and winter.

Q. How do payments work?

A. We offer **zero-interest monthly payment plans** via automated bank transfer or credit card. Payments begin once you've placed a deposit and committed.

Q. Do you offer scholarships?

A. Yes — athletic scholarships are available. We don't offer academic scholarships since there's no academic component. Scholarship conversations happen directly with our front office.

Q. Do I need a car?

A. No. If you don't have a car, we coordinate transportation to practices, games, the weight room and grocery runs.

Q. Is housing furnished? Is there a meal plan?

A. Apartments at Desert Boutique include appliances and utilities. You bring furniture and personal items. There's no meal plan — apartments have full kitchens and grocery stores are within walking distance.

Q. Is there a trainer or team doctor on site?

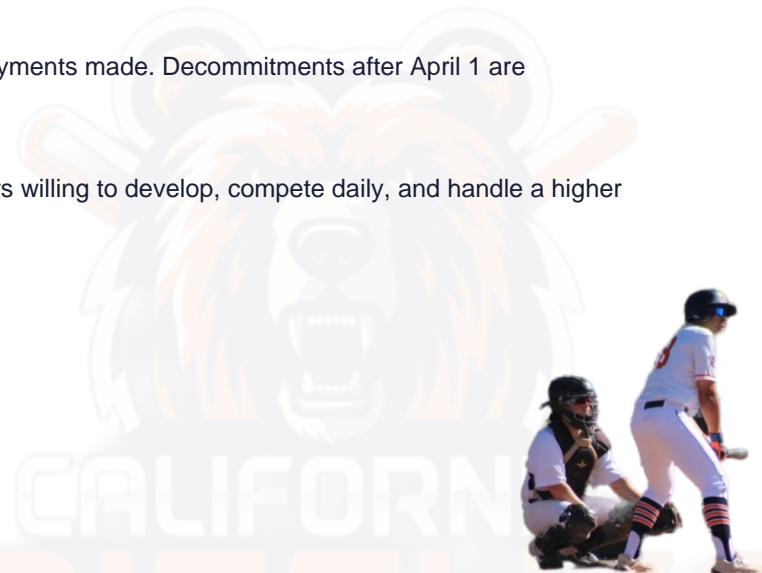
A. All coaches are CPR certified and athletes must carry their own insurance. We don't have an on-site doctor or trainer, but we provide coach-recommended medical resources in the area.

Q. What happens if I decommit?

A. Decommitments before April 1 forfeit the deposit and any payments made. Decommitments after April 1 are non-refundable.

Q. What kind of player are you looking for?

A. Athletes who haven't reached their full potential yet — players willing to develop, compete daily, and handle a higher level of baseball than they're used to.





READY TO RUN IT BACK?

BECOME A GRIZZLY.

The 2026 class is open. Roster spots are limited. If you are serious about squeezing every last drop out of your baseball career, start the conversation today.

WEBSITE	californiagrizzliesbaseball.com
EMAIL	management@thequarrystl.com
LOCATION	Palm Springs, California
HOME FIELD	Palm Springs Stadium
HOUSING	Desert Boutique Apartment Homes
NEXT STEP	Visit the site > /recruiting-process

EARN THE CLAW.