



Marine Corps League

Youth Physical Fitness Program



March 30, 2026

Dear Coach,

Greetings and thank you once more for your efforts to enrich the lives of the young men and women that you lead both inside and outside of the Youth Physical Fitness (YPF) Program. The 2026 YPF National Championship, sponsored by the Marine Corps League and the U. S. Marines Youth Foundation, Inc., will be held on 16 May aboard Camp Pendleton, CA. This letter serves as an invitation for your school to enter a team into the YPF National Championship. In order to compete at the National Championship, teams must complete and return the enclosed documents.

Being on an active duty air station/training base during wartime should provide excellent opportunities for our competitors to get a taste of the real Corps. But it also makes some things, like **base access, much more complicated**. So please bear that extra level of scrutiny in mind when filling out your assorted documents. Anyone 18 or over that does not already have a military ID will be subject to a full (criminal and immigration) background check. They aren't messing around.

Teams are responsible for their own transportation throughout this entire evolution. Similarly, teams are responsible for their own lodging throughout this entire evolution. On base hotels are full, so right now the lodging choices look to be barracks (not yet approved-mobilizations have the base hopping) and off-base hotels. Due to the very low use rate in years past, I am not able to secure a block of hotel rooms but recommend looking in the Oceanside/Carlsbad area south/southwest of Camp Pendleton with the idea of using the St Luis Rey gate as our primary (once drivers get their access cleared at the Oceanside Main Gate).

Teams that elect to use the barracks (assuming they are made available...) will undergo an inspection first thing Sunday morning prior to checking out. If the facilities do not pass inspection, a cleaning fee will be assessed to the responsible team(s). Linen will not be provided so teams should plan on bringing blankets or sleeping bags. A same-sex coach or adult chaperone must be billeted in the barracks with each six member team. There will be no exceptions. In the event of unacceptable behavior or disciplinary problems, teams will be directed to find off-base lodging at their own expense and may be subject to disqualification from the competition.

Teams must be registered in order to compete. Registration forms can be found within this package. These forms must be completed properly and emailed to ypf@mcleague.org **no later than 10 April**. Currently, we just have enough teams indicating interest to make a competition worthwhile, but need these registrations to come through to guarantee an event.

All meals, with the exception of the paid-for awards banquet, are the responsibility of the individual schools. On-base chow halls should be available. The awards banquet will be held at a location TBD late afternoon/early evening of 16 May after all scores have been tabulated.

Each athlete must complete the release of liability form. Coaches are required to provide the forms for each participant at the coaches meeting on 15 May. Parents, by signing this letter, you consent to photographs possibly being taken of your child and published online.

Students participating in the event will participate according to the gender assigned to them at birth. If coaches have any issues they should contact me.

In the past, smooth coordination of this event has been hampered by incomplete or inaccurate logistical information being submitted in an untimely fashion. **Please help us out by getting your t-shirt sizes and banquet numbers to us soonest.** Reminder that all the documents included with this letter (waivers are to be hand carried and delivered to the coordinator at the coaches meeting) be emailed **no later than 10 April**.

Last year, based upon a funding shortfall within the Marine Corps, the US Marines Youth Foundation generously covered the basic travel expenses for some of our teams. That offer is once again extended to teams who require financial assistance. Reimbursement request is also included in this package.

Enclosures:

- 1) Team Registration Form
- 2) Logistical Information
- 3) Waiver
- 4) Base Access Form - COMING LATER
- 5) Schedule of Events
- 6) Travel Reimbursement Request

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2026 Youth Physical Fitness Program National Championship *Team Roster / Registration Form*

SCHOOL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

COACHES NAME: _____

COACHES T-SHIRT SIZE _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

BEST PHONE NUMBER(S): _____ TEAM QUALIFYING SCORE: _____

NAMES OF ASSISTANT COACHES/ESCORTS/CHAPERONES AND T-SHIRT SIZES FOR EACH:

This team is a: MALE FEMALE COMPETITION PILOT

STUDENT NAME	AGE	GRADE	INDIV SCORE	T-SHIRT SIZE
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Submit ONE form for EACH team entered into competition (male / female) and pilot teams (male / female).

TOTAL NUMBER OF BAQUET ATTENDEES FOR THIS TEAM: _____

I certify that the above named athletes are full-time students in grades 9-12 and will not have attained the age of 20 prior to the competition.

High School Principal



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2026 Youth Physical Fitness Program National Championship *Logistical Information*

SCHOOL NAME: _____

COACH'S NAME: _____

COACH'S EMAIL: _____

COACH'S PHONE NUMBER(S): _____

ARRIVAL DATE AND TIME _____

AIRLINE AND FLIGHT NUMBER _____

NUMBER OF PASSENGERS _____

DEPARTURE DATE AND TIME _____

AIRLINE AND FLIGHT NUMBER _____

NUMBER OF PASSENGERS _____

ON BASE BILLETING

NOT REQUIRED _____

REQUIRED _____

NUMBER OF FEMALES _____

NUMBER OF MALES _____

AWARDS BANQUET

Our total number of meals is: _____. This includes everyone associated with your team--students, coaches, volunteers, parents, etc. This number should match the number on your team registration form.



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2026 Youth Physical Fitness Program National Championship *INFORMED CONSENT AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY*

Acknowledgment and Acceptance of Risk, Waiver and Video/Photo Consent for United States Marine Youth Foundation and Marine Corps League Fitness Competition ("Fitness Competition")

I, _____ (print name), am voluntarily participating in the Fitness Competition and I am aware that the activities involve athletic events and strenuous physical activity. I am healthy enough to participate in the Fitness Competition and I assume the risk of participating in this Fitness Competition. Known potential risks for injury or death include but are not limited to: (1) strenuous physical exercise and activities; (2) recreational activities; (3) high volume of traffic by vehicles; (4) interaction with domestic and wild animals; and (5) significant distances from activity areas to medical treatment facilities and hospitals. I authorize emergency medical treatment in the event of an injury I sustain as a result of participating in the Activity.

Waiver and Release. In consideration for being permitted to participate in the Fitness Competition, I do hereby forever release and waive my right to bring suit against United State Marine Youth Foundation, Inc. and Marine Corps League, together with all of their respective present and former officers, employees, Members, directors, agents, servants, representatives, parents, subsidiaries, franchisees, successors, and assigns, in connection with injuries, death, disease or property losses, or any other loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence, and I (and my parents if I am a minor) give up any claim I may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen, or unforeseen. This Waiver and Release shall be binding upon my survivors, heirs, successors, and assigns. I understand and agree that this Waiver and Release is a release of liability and I sign it on my own free will.

Video/Photo Consent. In consideration for being allowed to participate in the Fitness Competition, I grant United States Marine Youth Foundation, Inc. and Marine Corps League and their subsidiaries, successors and assigns permission to use my name, image and likeness from photographs and videos of my participation in the Fitness Competition.

If I am under eighteen (18) years of age, my parent(s), or guardian must sign this form in order for me to participate in this activity.

Participant

Participant's Parent or Guardian

Date



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Schedule of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
15 May	1300	Base Access Meetup	Main Gate Visitor Center
	1500	Coaches Meeting	Paige Fieldhouse Classroom
	1600	Coaches Walkthrough	Paige Fieldhouse Track
16 May	0730	Teams Check In	Paige Fieldhouse Track
	0800	Opening Ceremony/Colors	Paige Fieldhouse Track
	0815	Pilot Teams then Judge/Coach Huddle	Paige Fieldhouse Track
	0845	Female Competition	Paige Fieldhouse Track
	0930	Male Competition	Paige Fieldhouse Track
	TBD	Banquet/Awards Ceremony	TBD
17 May	0800	Barracks Inspection & Checkout	TBD



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2026 Youth Physical Fitness Program National Championship *Travel Reimbursement Request*

SCHOOL NAME: _____

COACH'S NAME: _____

COACH'S EMAIL: _____

COACH'S PHONE NUMBER(S): _____

For the following reason(s) I request reimbursement for travel to the 2026 Youth Physical Fitness Program National Championship:

I have attached the following documents/receipts in support of my request:

I understand that this reimbursement is usually limited to economy airfare and rental vehicles for the competing members of my team(s), primary coach(es), and required chaperone(s). Additionally, by accepting this reimbursement I acknowledge my school's current funding problem and agree to plan for and conduct additional fundraising in the future to cover these same expenses.

Funds will be dispersed from the US Marines Youth Foundation to deserving teams via Zelle (<https://www.zellepay.com/how-it-works>). Zelle is a service provided by almost all banks but requires enrollment. After enrollment, either an email or phone number should be all that you should need to provide in the way of personal information.

Once you have enrolled, please list your identifying information here:

Please forward this form, along with all receipts and additional justification, to the Foundation's Program Manager at admindir@usmarineyouthfoundation.org, CCing the YPF Chairman at YPF@MCLeague.org. Requests must be submitted NLT June 16, 2026. If approved, payment will be issued via Zelle within 15 days of receipt pending any questions.