



## 8th ANNUAL MEXICAN BASEBALL FIESTA RETURNS TO THE VALLEY

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The Mexican Winter Baseball League's version of "Spring Training" will return to the valley for the eighth consecutive year. This year marks the Mexican Baseball Fiesta's fifth year in Mesa. This year's games will be September 27-29. Four of the top teams from the Liga Mexicana del Pacifico will participate: **Los Naranjeros de Hermosillo, Yaquis de Obregón, Águilas de Mexicali** and **Cañeros de Los Mochis**. A new addition this year is the future stars from the **Arizona Fall League team – Mesa Solar Sox**. **The Solar Sox are made up of the top prospects of Cubs, Indians, Angels, A's and Tigers**. The six games (three doubleheaders) also are the most played in any Phoenix Fiesta.

All games will be played at Sloan Park, located at 2330 W. Rio Salado Pkwy in Mesa, which is home to the Chicago Cubs during Spring Training.

### Schedule:

- Sept. 27 (5:30 p.m.)** First game (7 innings): Obregón vs. Mexicali  
Second game (7 innings): Hermosillo vs. Los Mochis
- Sept. 28 (5:30 p.m.)** First game (7 innings): Los Mochis vs. Mexicali,  
Second game (7 innings): Hermosillo vs. Obregón
- Sept. 29 (3 p.m.)** First game (7 innings): Los Mochis vs. Mesa Solar Sox (AFL)  
Second game (7 innings): Hermosillo vs. Obregón

"The Mexican Pacific League is as popular in Mexico as Major League Baseball is in the U.S., if not more so. We're excited to bring the most teams to the Fiesta (five) in our eighth year Phoenix history this year," said **Francisco Gamez**, Mexican Baseball Fiesta, Founder and Partner.

Gamez played over 10 years in the Mexican Pacific League as well as in the Milwaukee Brewers organization in the states.

"Constant excitement is the best way to describe the Mexican Baseball Fiesta. The energy of the fans, the music, the food and fun make this a unique experience for all baseball fans," said Gamez.

**Mike Feder** and **Jack Donovan** joined Gamez in forming the Mexican Baseball Fiesta, LLC in 2011.

**Mike Feder**, President of the Mexican Baseball Fiesta, said “The word Fiesta best describes our event – A PARTY! The Mexican Baseball Fiesta will continue to be a tradition in Mesa for many years to come. We’re excited the Mexican Baseball Fiesta continues to grow in the Valley every year. Last year, was the most attended Fiesta for our Phoenix area games. We are thrilled to have to the Mexican Baseball Fiesta return to Mesa, as well as continuing the heated rivalry Hermosillo vs. Obregón for two nights for our fans to enjoy.”

**Justin Piper**, Chicago Cubs General Manager – Sloan Park, said “Sloan Park is excited to once again host the Mexican Baseball Fiesta. We look forward to welcoming the Mexican Winter League teams and their fans for an energetic baseball experience.”

Mesa is one of a number of cities taking part in this year’s Mexican Baseball Fiesta. The other cities finalized are Las Vegas, Tucson, Douglas and Nogales on both sides of the border.

Tickets to the general public go on sale online Monday, August 12, at [www.MexicanBaseballFiesta.com](http://www.MexicanBaseballFiesta.com) or [www.sloanpark.com](http://www.sloanpark.com) Ticket prices for box seats are \$15 and general admission tickets are \$10. Tickets for children age 6-16 are \$6. These prices are the same as 2018. Fans can purchase tickets at the Sloan Park Ticket Office September 23-29 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., or until the top of the 7<sup>th</sup> inning on gamedays.

Information on the Mexican Baseball Fiesta, LLC is available at [www.MexicanBaseballFiesta.com](http://www.MexicanBaseballFiesta.com).

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