

November 15, 2016

Dear HBHS Softball Parents,

Congratulations on being selected to participate in this years HS Softball season! The program is talented as ever and this should be a great year for all levels. We wanted to get some important information to all parents as we begin the season regarding the booster club, needed donations and ways to offset any contributions.

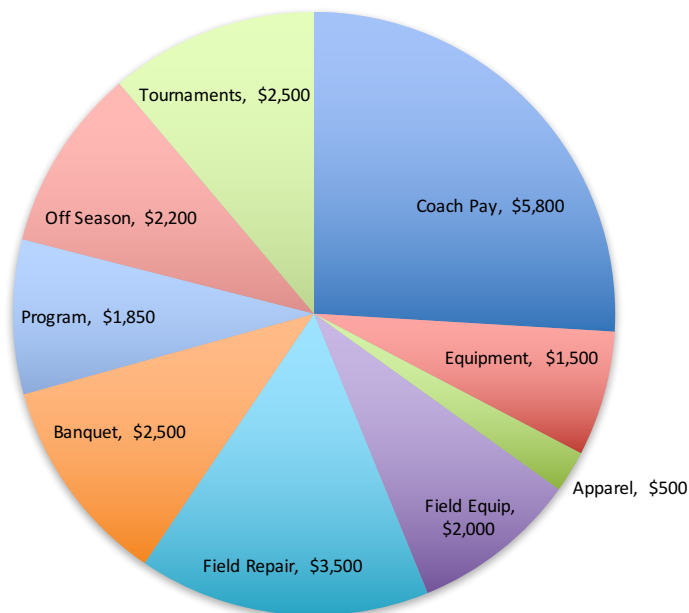
It is the Softball Booster club's job to support the softball teams and coaches who make the Huntington Beach High School Softball program a highly respectable program. We coordinate the fundraisers, umpires, pay for uniforms and equipment, pay coaches, and manage the program budget and expenses.

The last part of our job has been made extremely difficult by the legal settlement between the ACLU and the State of California. Public schools are no longer allowed to charge fees to students for participation in instructional programs and extracurricular activities, e.g. sports. As a sports support group, this applies to the Softball Booster Club. This causes a dilemma for softball where the cost of our program is not covered by the school district and our budget is based on parent's contributions and community sponsors.

Without your parent support, we will be unable to cover the cost of sending our students to tournaments, hiring quality coaches, buying equipment, paying for insurance, etc. Tournament entry fees run between \$350 and \$500. Below is the budget where your contributions cover and are spent:

"How much it costs to run a Top 10 High School Softball Program in OC"

**2017 HBHS Softball Expenses
Budget: \$27,000**



For 2017, the coaches and the booster club have broken out the contributions to play HS Softball as:

Requested Program Donations	on Varsity	on JV1-2
Contributions to meet program Fall expenses	\$50	\$50
Contributions to meet program Spring expenses	\$400	\$350
Spirit Pack (Uniforms/Apparel that you keep)		
New Players	\$300	\$200
Returning Varsity Players	\$200	N/A

Spirit pack is apparel that you will keep and thus need to pay for. You will receive jersey(s), pants(s), socks, and 2 practice T-shirts. The requested contributions of \$400 for varsity and \$350 for JV will help cover our program expenses (see graph above), thus setting the standard to allow your daughter to participate in a high quality, HS sport on campus. Players contributing will also receive a GameDay Tshirt and a ticket to the banquet. (These teams can be purchased separately, as well).

While we are requesting the donation amount per player, the above expenses indicate \$500 per player needed but we hope to make that up the short fall with general fundraising.

Most of our players play travel ball and we all know what those fees end up being. For HS, this works out to about \$100 per month. So without your donations, the Booster Club will be unable to cover costs necessary to sustain the program and keep it to its standards.

To help with the contributions, We encourage each family to sell at least **ONE (1) BANNER** (See Handout). By selling a banner, your contributions/donations can be covered without any out-of-pocket-expenses. Any contributions over the totals from above will be deposited into the program general fund as these funds help pay for out of season events and future programs (i.e. trips, off-season, etc).

We encourage you to please send in all contributions by Feb 15th to help with our planning and bills. Please communicate to the treasurer if you plan to contribute on a schedule as we can work out the details.

Please send your uniform costs and your contributions to:

Linda Saccacio, HBHS Softball Boosters

6498 Park Royal Circle

Huntington Beach CA 92648

All checks are payable to HBHS Softball Boosters. You can also pay via PAYPAL at www.hboilerssoftball.com

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask either the club's treasurer or the president. Thank you all and we all are looking forward to another successful year on and off the field. Go Oilers!

Sincerely,

HBHS Softball Executive Board