

September 14, 2019

Dear HBHS Softball Parents,

Welcome to HBHS Softball. This program is talented as ever and this should be a great year for both levels. We go into the 2019/2020 year as Orange County's No. 1 team for softball, something this school has never experienced. Not only we have very talented female athletes, this result is also due to the parents we have in the program, the support from the school and the community.

We wanted to get some important information to all parents as we begin the season regarding the booster club, needed donations and contributions with ways to offset any out of pocket costs that you may have.

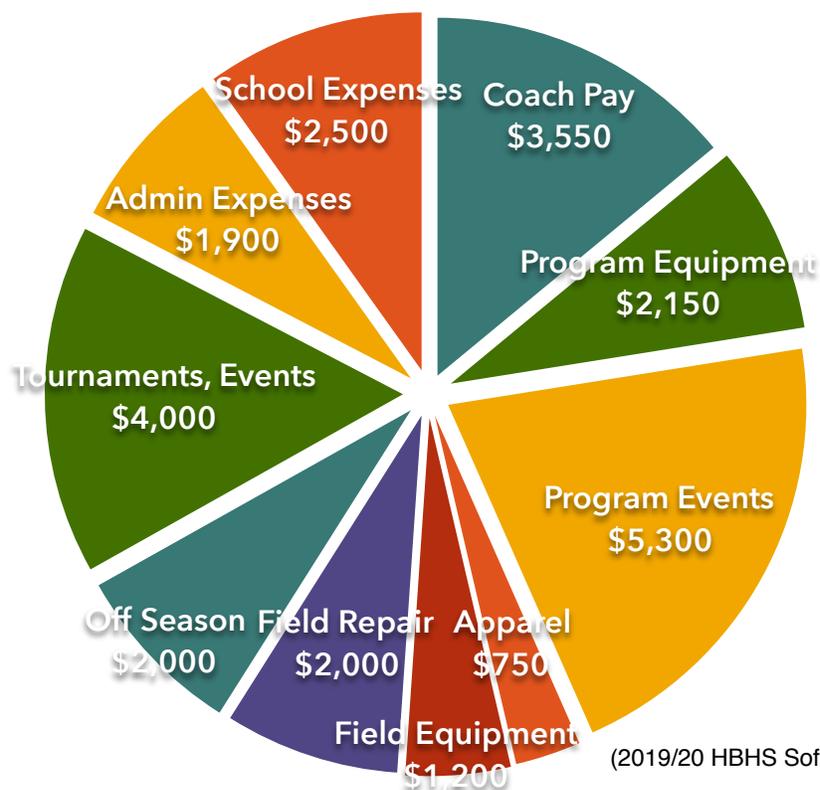
It is the Softball Booster club's job to support the softball teams and coaches who make the Huntington Beach High School Softball program a highly respectable program. We coordinate the fundraisers, pay for umpires, pay for uniforms and equipment, pay coaches, and manage the program budget and expenses.

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, i.e 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 \$500 and \$600. Our working budget is \$25,000 (while other schools can range \$85,000-\$120,000).

Below is the budget what your contributions do cover per operating budget:

COSTS TO RUN A TOP LEVEL HS SOFTBALL PROGRAM IN ORANGE COUNTY



(2019/20 HBHS Softball Operating Budget of \$25,350)

For 2019/20, the coaches and the booster club have broken out the contributions to play HS softball as:

Requested Program Donations	Varsity	JV
Contributions to meet program Fall 2019 expenses	\$50	\$50
Contributions to meet program Spring 2020 expenses	\$425	\$375

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. *Other sports on campus run \$500-\$1200 to play HS sports.*

The requested contributions 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 T-shirt , school photos package and a ticket to the banquet.

While we are requesting the donation amount per player, the above expenses yield a \$500 per player level needed but we hope to make that short-fall with general fundraising efforts during the year that's supports the WHOLE program which allows us to purchase capital expenses.

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

We encourage you to please send in all contributions by 1/15/20 to help with our planning and to pay bills for the upcoming spring.. Please communicate to the treasurer if you plan to contribute on a schedule as we can work out the details. HBHS Softball is nonprofit 501(c)(3) status so your contributions are tax deductible. You will get a receipt for any contributions.

Please send your uniform costs and your contributions to:

Rikki Ortiz, HBHS Softball Boosters

1101 Park St. 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