



NEWPORT HARBOR SOFTBALL BOOSTER CLUB

2017-18 PARENT/ATHLETE FALL MEETING

DECEMBER 6TH 2017

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Sailor Softball Parents,

First off, congratulations to you and your daughter on being selected to participate in the 2018 Newport Harbor High School Softball season! Now is an exciting time to be a part of the program. With new additions to the coaching staff and major improvements to the facilities, this season is expected to increase the positive momentum of the program. The Booster Board's responsibility tonight is to provide you with information about our Booster Club and the needed donations required to fund the program for this year's players.

The purpose of the Newport Harbor Softball Boosters Club is to provide support to the Softball Program so that it can thrive and provide the girls with the many benefits that competitive team sports, like softball, bring. We coordinate the fundraisers necessary to pay for uniforms, equipment, coaches, umpires, and tournaments, among other things. We also work to keep our fields in good playing condition. This is a significant effort and must be done in a financially sound manner with an extremely small budget that comes only from donations and fundraisers.

Due to the legal settlement between the State of California and the ACLU, public schools cannot charge fees to students for participation in instructional programs or extracurricular activities, e.g. sports. This causes a dilemma where the cost of the Softball Program is not covered by the school district, which means that the Softball Program's critical funding is based on Booster Club contributions and community sponsors.

Without our Booster Club's adequate financial support, expenditures for the Softball Program would be extremely limited, the program and ultimately the girls would suffer greatly. We all want our daughters to be part of a program that enables them to compete for their school with pride. We ask that you join us in this mission by donating to the Newport Harbor Softball Booster Club now and supporting our fundraising efforts.

Thank you,
Newport Harbor Softball Booster Board of Directors



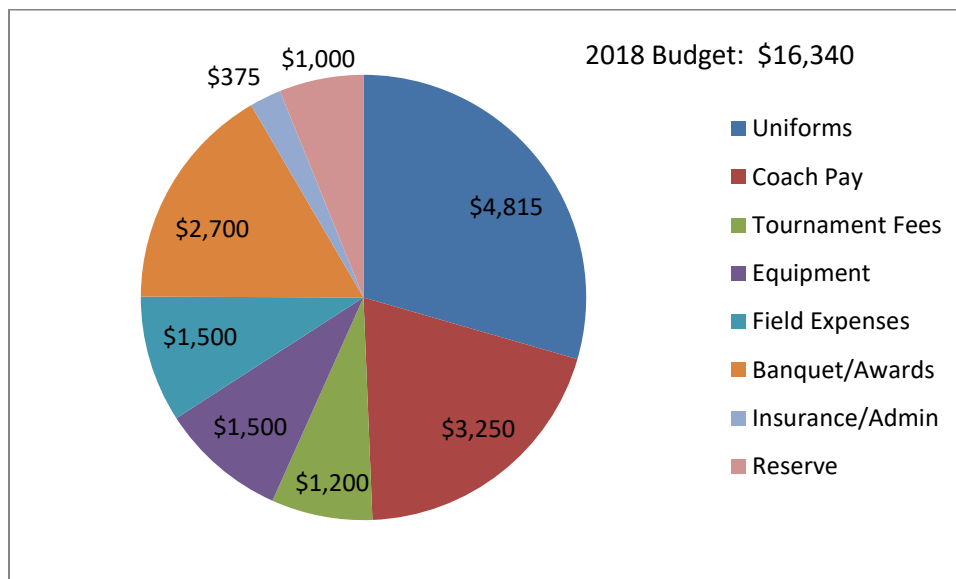
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How much does it cost to run the Newport Harbor Softball Program for the season?



Consider this:

- Edison High School Softball 2018 budget is \$30,000
- Huntington Beach High School Softball 2018 budget is \$24,000
- Most other Newport Harbor sports have significantly higher budgets (and recommended player donations) than Newport Harbor Softball
- 30 player donations of \$350 each covers \$10,500 which is only 65% of the required funding
- In addition to player donations, your support with fundraisers and soliciting corporate sponsors is critical to funding the program