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Dear Sports Fan,

My name is Alan Kozarian.

I am the president of the Howell Area Junior Baseball Association for the 2007 Season.

This will be the third season I will be serving on the Board. I have very much enjoyed, and continue to enjoy, serving on the HAJBA Board.

For those not familiar, the HAJBA Board is made up entirely of volunteers that dedicate a lot of their time, both during the season and off season, to ensure that our Baseball and Softball programs are of the highest quality, while keeping registration fees reasonable.

Overall, for the 2006 Season, we had over 900 kids in our programs that played in 600+ games.

On-Line Registration for the 2007 season will begin on January 1, 2007. The link for On-line registration can be found at [www.howellbaseball.com](http://www.howellbaseball.com).

We will also still be offering two in-person registration opportunities. These will take place on Saturday January 27th and Saturday February 3rd, from 9:00am until 2:00pm, at the Paul Bennett Rec. Center in Howell.

A representative from World Class Team Sports will also be on hand at the in-person registrations to accept orders for HAJBA apparel, such as sweatshirts, hats and jackets. A percentage from each of these sales will go into our general fund, which will be used to help subsidize the costs of running our programs.

On our web site, [www.howellbaseball.com](http://www.howellbaseball.com), you can find answers to frequently asked questions about our programs.

One of the first things you will notice is that the registration fees for our programs have gone up from last season.

The decision to raise these fees was not an easy one. We as a Board realize how fragile the Michigan economy currently is, and we work to make our programs as affordable as possible for all.

**Your registration fees help to cover these costs:**

- 1) Lawn Maintenance for Northwest Elementary and Bennett Fields
- 2) Umpire Fees
- 3) Insurance
- 4) Portable toilet rentals and emptying
- 5) Dumpster rental and emptying for Northwest Elementary, Bennett Field and the High School Softball fields
- 6) Electricity and phone service at the fields
- 7) Baseball/Softball field maintenance and improvements – During the 2006 season, we spent approximately \$20,000 in new fencing, fencing repairs and the installation of drain tile at the High School Softball fields. These upgrades and repairs are done to ensure a safe environment for the kids and their families to enjoy the games of Softball and Baseball.
- 8) The purchase of safety equipment for the kids, as well as Baseballs and Softballs to be used during the season.

These, as well as other factors were taken into consideration when deciding what our registration fees needed to be.

We feel as though our registration fees represent a good value, and allow for us to offer a fun, organized environment for our children to learn and enjoy the games of Baseball and Softball.

And in the interest of trying to keep things as fair as possible for all our registrants, we have also eliminated the cash discount and multi-player discounts that we have offered in the past at the in-person registrations.

We still have several vacant HAJBA board positions as well. These would include Director of Baseball, Bantam Baseball commissioner and Major Baseball commissioner. Please give some thought to joining the Board to fill one of these positions.

Here's hoping that you and your family have a wonderful, peaceful Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

Alan Kozarian  
HAJBA President 2007 Season