

# HBJBA Happenings

Week of January 7, 2008<sup>1</sup>  
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Howell Area Junior Baseball Association, [www.howellbaseball.com](http://www.howellbaseball.com)

Important Dates:  
Saturday January 26, 2008  
Paul Bennett Rec. Center  
9:00am until 2:00pm  
In-Person Registration

Saturday February 2, 2008  
Paul Bennett Rec. Center  
9:00am until 2:00pm  
In-Person Registration

2008 Season Fees:

T-Ball - \$75  
Bantam Baseball - \$100  
Midget Baseball - \$100  
Minor Baseball - \$100  
Major Baseball - \$100  
Bantam Softball - \$100  
Midget Softball - \$100  
Minor Softball - \$100

Age groups per division:

T-ball - 5 & 6 yo  
Bantam Baseball - 7 & 8 yo  
Midget Baseball - 9 & 10 yo  
Minor Baseball - 11 & 12 yo  
Major Baseball - 13 - 15 yo  
\*Age as of April 30, 2008

Bantam Softball - 6 - 8 yo  
Midget Softball - 9 & 10 yo  
Minor Softball - 11 & 12 yo  
\*Age as of January 1, 2008



## Coach's Corner

The University of Michigan Coaching Clinic has been moved to **Sunday January 13th from 2-7 pm** at Maltby Middle School. The address is 4740 Bauer Road in Brighton, Mi. Maltby is located on the northwest corner of Brighton Road and Bauer Road. The cost of the clinic is \$5 per person and can be paid at the door. For further information and to pre-register please contact [jeff.david@kvbsa.com](mailto:jeff.david@kvbsa.com) or [hjn@umich.edu](mailto:hjn@umich.edu). **We strongly encourage our volunteer coaches to attend this clinic.** It will provide you with many tips for running your team. It is put on by some coaches from the University Of Michigan coaching staff. We will **not** be hosting a Doyle Baseball Clinic this season.



## On Line Registration

Online registration for the 2008 Season is now active.

You can register online anytime at [www.howellbaseball.com](http://www.howellbaseball.com)

You can pay using your Visa or Mastercard.

The registration fees for the 2008 Season are unchanged from the 2007 Season.

We will also be offering two in person registrations for the 2008 Season.

These in person registrations will take place at the Paul Bennett Rec. Center in Howell on Saturday January 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The times will be from 9:00am until 2:00pm on each day.

If you register your child online, you do not have to attend the in person registration.

**Please get your child registered prior to March 1, 2008.**

## Volunteer Coaches Needed

As you may or may not know, all of our coaches are volunteers.

This season we anticipate having 95 teams between all of our programs, and this will require that 190 volunteer coach positions be "filled".

We would ask that you take some time and consider volunteering to be the head coach or assistant coach for one of our teams.

Experience in coaching youth is helpful, but not required. What is

required is patience, knowledge of the game, a willingness to make a difference in your community, and of course your time.

During the season, from April through mid July, a coach can expect to spend 6-12 hours a week preparing their teams for games, and overseeing the running of the team.

If you will consider being a coach for the 2008 season, please stop by one of the in person registrations.

We will have you

complete a background check application form and answer any questions you may have in reference to coaching a team.

We will also have a table setup with some coach's reference material and DVD's that speak to running a team. A coach's toolkit and DVD can be purchased for \$10. The cost of these materials to the league is \$20, but HAJBA is picking up half the cost. And if you return the materials at the end of the season, you will receive \$5 back.

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### Sponsorships Available:

#### Silver Level - \$300

Includes the Following:  
1) Your company name and logo will appear on the uniform of one of our teams. You will also receive a Team Picture, which will be mounted in a frame that can be hung at your place of business to make others aware of your contribution to the kids of the community.  
2) If applicable, a link to your web site will be added to our Sponsors Page at [www.howellbaseball.com](http://www.howellbaseball.com).  
3) And last, but not least, you will "receive" the gratitude of the HJBA Board of Directors, as well as the kids involved in our programs.

#### "Gold" Level - \$500

Includes the Following:  
1) Your company name and logo will appear on a 3'X5' vinyl banner mounted on the fence at one of our fields. You will also receive a Team Picture, which will be mounted in a frame that can be hung at your place of business to make others aware of your contribution to the kids of the community.  
2) If applicable, a link to your web site will be added to our Sponsors Page at [www.howellbaseball.com](http://www.howellbaseball.com).  
3) And last, but not least, you will "receive" the gratitude of the HJBA Board of Directors, as well as the kids involved in our programs.

#### "Platinum" Level - \$700

By becoming a "Platinum" level sponsor, you will receive all the benefits of both the "Gold" and "Silver" level sponsorships.

Without sponsors, we could not offer the programs we do for the fees we currently charge registrants.



## M-59 Road Work - Northwest Fields

As I'm sure many of you have noticed, the M-59 road expansion project is coming very close to three of our fields at Northwest Elementary.

We have been in close communications with school officials concerning the M-59 road work and how this will affect our programs this season.

At this point, it appears as though field's number 4 and 5 will be able to be utilized by us for the 2008 season.

We are looking at the possibility of relocating the backstop and fencing on Field number 3 to allow us to be able to continue to utilize this field for future seasons.

We will also be looking at the parking situation for these fields and see if anything can be done to accommodate additional parking.

We are working with school officials, who in turn are working with State of Michigan officials, to come up

with a plan to suit our needs for next season and beyond.

That being said, we are creating our game/practice schedules with the assumption of field number 3 not being available to us for the 2008 season.

**With the loss of this field, we will need to schedule games and practices on both weekdays and Saturdays.**

**More to come....**

## Sponsors Needed



In 2007, we had about 1000 kids involved in our programs, ages ranging from 5 to 14.

During the season, our organization was responsible for overseeing over 700 baseball and softball games.

We also coordinated player registration, selection and oversight of 150 volunteer managers and coaches, maintenance of 12 baseball fields, ordering and dispersion of player uniforms, and various other functions that

are needed to ensure a pleasant, safe environment for the children to enjoy Baseball or Softball in.

We, as a Board, do this proudly in a strictly volunteer fashion.

Without sponsors, we could not offer the quality programs we do at a reasonable price for the kids and their families.

We have three levels of sponsorships available for our "in

house" programs. There is a description of these sponsorship levels in the Left Hand pane on this page.

If you know of any businesses, or individuals that may be interested in being a sponsor for us this season, please have them contact Lisa McQueen at 517-546-2937.

They can also visit [www.howellbaseball.com](http://www.howellbaseball.com) for additional information on sponsorships.