

Howell Area Junior Baseball Association, www.howellbaseball.com

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.
- 3) And last, but not least, you will "receive" the gratitude of the HAJBA 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.
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"Platinum" Level - \$700

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On Line Registration



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Coach's Corner

If you are interested in coaching a team this season, please stop by the in person registration this weekend.

The date for the last in person registration is Saturday February 2nd.

The location is the Paul Bennett Rec. Center, which is located at 925 West Grand River Avenue in Howell.

The time is 9:00am until 2:00pm.

We will have you complete a volunteer coach application form and answer any questions you may have.

We will also have a coaching "toolkit" that we will request you purchase from us. The "toolkit" contains a 100 page booklet that contains many tips and ideas you can use to run your team this season.

The toolkit also contains a CD with 195 "Tools" and a practice video you can view to get ideas.

In addition to this "Toolkit", we will provide you with a DVD named "How to conduct a practice". This DVD was compiled by a baseball coach with over 30 years of experience.

More details on this DVD can be found here:

<http://www.tipsfromthecoach.com/index.php?description&id=Practice>

The cost to each coach for both the toolkit and DVD will be \$10 for both. And if you return these items at the end of the season, you will get \$5 back. We are providing these items to coaches this season in lieu of a Doyle coach's clinic.

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.

Tournament Teams - What Are They?

In addition to our in house program, HAJBA also offers Tournament teams.

What is a tournament team, you ask?

A tournament team is a team that is formed for the purpose of competing in 3-4 tournaments across the state during the summer.

Our tournament teams are made up of Howell area kids that are registered in one of our in house programs.

They are designed for

kids that want to compete in more games during the season than our in house programs allow.

Tryouts for the tournament teams usually take place in February.

Depending on interest, teams may or may not be formed at specific age groups.

There is additional cost associated with being on a tournament team as well.

Once we have tryout dates determined, we

will have them posted on the calendar at www.howellbaseball.com

You can also find answers to frequently asked questions concerning tournament teams here: http://www.howellbaseball.com/documents/2008_Files/Tournament_Questions.pdf

Contact Roger Hannibal at Roger_Hannibal@cable.comcast.com with additional questions.

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Important Dates:

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 - 14 yo
*Age as of January 1, 2008



Umpire Clinic Dates are still being determined. Once these clinic dates are set, we will post them in future newsletters and on the calendar at www.howellbaseball.com.

We anticipate a "shortage" of qualified umpires for our "Major" division of baseball this season. If you are 16 years or older, and meet our requirements, please consider attending our clinics and becoming an umpire this season.



Umpires Needed

Have a love and knowledge of Baseball and/or Softball?

Would you like to make a few bucks, while supporting the kids in our community?

Then you should consider becoming an umpire for the 2008 season.

What are the requirements for becoming an umpire, you may ask?

To be considered for an umpire position, you must be at least 10 years old, have 2 years of baseball/softball playing experience, and be a responsible person.

You also need to attend two pre-season umpire clinics that are hosted by HAJBA, and pass a written test.

The two pre-season clinics are designed to go over the rules of the game and provide you with the information needed to pass the written test.

At the first clinic, you will be provided with a rulebook at a cost of \$5 per person.

This rulebook is required to enable you to take the clinics and pass the test.

Once the written test is passed, you will be required to attend one more "on the field" clinic which will show you umpire mechanics and positioning.

Once you have completed all of the above steps, you will be required to read and sign our HAJBA umpire application.

A copy of this application can be found at www.howellbaseball.com

This application explains your responsibilities where umpiring is concerned and the process that needs to be followed if you are not going to be able to umpire a game that you sign up for. It is important that you read and understand what is expected of you as an umpire.

In April, once game schedules are available, we will have an evening where you will come to the field and sign up for games that you can umpire.

If this will be your first season umpiring, you will be required to purchase a HAJBA umpire shirt, hat, clicker and brush at a cost of \$10.

If you have umpired in previous seasons, and already have these

items, you will not be required to purchase them again.

The \$15 that is charged for these items is what the cost to HAJBA is.

Umpire protective gear, such as a mask, chest protector and shin guards are required to be worn by umpires that are "working the plate".

HAJBA will have one set of this gear for each field. This equipment will be stored in the concession stand at each location. This equipment can be used by our umpires as long as it is returned after each game and put away correctly.

If you would like to purchase your own set of this protective gear, we will have pricing available for it at the clinics.

Several of our umpires that we have relied on in the past for our "Major" baseball division games have moved out of the area or gone away to college.

If you are at least 16 years old, have 2 seasons of umpire experience, and meet our other requirements, please consider becoming an umpire for us this season.