

South Hill Baseball Softball Club Handbook



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Welcome!

Welcome to the **South Hill Baseball Softball Club!** SHBSC is an organization that was established over 25 years ago to provide young boys and girls in our local community an opportunity to play ball. It has steadily continued to grow to include an amazing 110 teams serving approximately 1,400 boys and girls.

It is the mission of SHBSC to provide opportunities for youth to interact with others in a healthy and fun-filled environment. Our goal is to seek understanding of the game as well as to instill teamwork, respect and the joy of playing the game into each child's life.

This handbook was designed to provide answers to some of the most commonly asked questions by coaches and parents. The South Hill Baseball Softball Club involves both boys and girls teams as well as a wide age range with specific rules and regulations for each age group. This handbook was designed to address general questions and provide an overview of SHBSC rather than specific team related issues.

Board Members

SHBSC board members are all volunteers who serve as elected officers for a term of two years. Elections are generally held during the August meeting. Board meetings are held twice a month.

The organization is overseen by a president, secretary, and treasurer along with a vice president of baseball, vice president of fast pitch and a vice president of coach pitch/t-ball. Each vice president works with a scheduler, commissioners for the specific divisions, and finally representatives who work directly with coaches. Each position is briefly described below:

President - duties include running board meetings; oversees all vice presidents and other board positions; serves as the liaison between SHBSC and the community; responsible for sanctioning teams; obtains insurance coverage for the league. (1 position)

Vice President - duties include oversees entire baseball league; head of rules committee; submits rule changes; handles parental complaints; handles late sign-ups; responsible for the draft; responsible for paperwork on coaches and players; attends specific meetings; assists in goal setting for each division. (3 positions)

Secretary - duties include recording meeting minutes, typing, and copying; sends reminder notices; handles internal correspondence throughout the league. (1 position)

Treasurer - duties include preparing quarterly budget reports; presents budget to board;

reviews budget annually; writes checks; maintains accounts; processes registration fees. (1 position)

Public Relations - duties include placing all newspaper advertisements; contacts schools for field usage permits; publishes and distributes school flyers; produces registration information cards; coordinates trophy purchases; completes background checks. (1 position)

Scheduler - duties include scheduling all games; sets up field schedules; coordinates umpire schedules; each vice president has a scheduler. (3 positions)

Commissioner - duties include interpreting rules to coaches in said divisions; oversees selection of all star players and coaches; handles coach complaints; serves as an assistant to the vice president for the draft of said division. (10 positions)

Representative - duties include maintaining called in scores by coaches as well as team standings; coordinates with schedulers on rain outs and other rescheduled games. (13 positions)

Equipment Manager - duties include ordering and purchasing equipment for all leagues; storage and inventory of all equipment; field availability and maintenance with field supervisor; purchases all field maintenance equipment. (1 position)

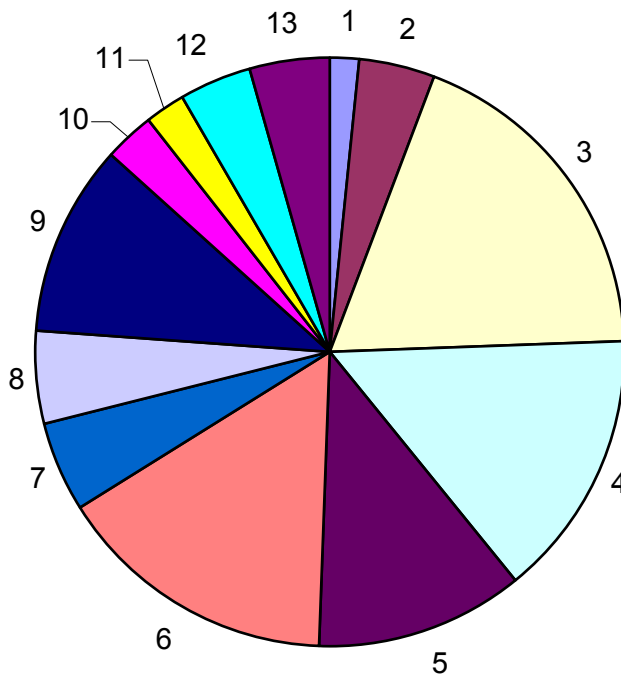
Field Supervisor - duties include field maintenance in the off season as well as during the season; reporting field misuse to the commissioners; maintains trash receptacle at assigned fields. (8 positions)

Budget

SHBSC collects a registration fee from each player which helps to meet the budget expenses of this non-profit organization. For example, the average income from the registration fees in recent years was approximately \$70,800 which covered the following yearly expenses:

(1) Grange Upkeep	- \$ 1,200	(10) Water	- \$ 2,000
(2) Game Schedulers	- \$ 2,900	(11) Website	- \$ 1,500
(3) Umpire Fees	- \$13,200	(12) Pony All Stars/Sanction	- \$ 2,800
(4) Field Preparation	- \$10,500	(13) Miscellaneous*	- \$ 3,100
(5) Field Improvement	- \$ 8,000		
(6) Equipment	- \$11,000	Total	\$70,800
(7) Santicans	- \$ 3,600		
(8) Trophies	- \$ 3,500		
(9) Insurance	- \$ 7,500		

Chart represents expenses of SHBSC



*Miscellaneous includes such categories as printing, advertising, computer expenses, bank charges, permits, postage, telephone, supplies, storage rental, coaches clinics.

SHBSC does provide opportunities for fundraising. The league hosts annual spaghetti feed dinner, sells T-shirts and sweatshirts with the league logo, as well as candy at registration. The income from these sales is used for continuous field improvements and to purchase new equipment.

Equipment

SHBSC provides teams with a variety of basic equipment. Each coach is responsible for checking the equipment out, maintaining that equipment, and then returning it when the season is complete.

Umpires

Umpires are provided for all games excluding t-ball. Umpires are paid according to division pay scales. SHBSC recruits qualified umpires at registration, through newspaper advertisements, etc. If you know of someone interested in becoming an umpire, please have them contact the club line at (253)841-0859.

As adult fans of our children as well as of the game of baseball, we have a responsibility to set an appropriate example of positive behavior toward our umpires. Let your child's coach deal with concerns regarding umpires and realize that the number one reason we are all here is for the kids!

Coaches

All coaches for SHBSC are **volunteers** and this league, of course, could not function without them. Coaches are often parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles as well as other adults from our community who love the game of baseball and love coaching children. All coaching staff is required to have Washington State Patrol background checks sponsored by the league.

Coaching clinics and trainings are provided by SHBSC. Coaches are responsible for helping our children learn more about playing the game as well as being part of a team. Coaches are also responsible for controlling themselves, their players and their spectators. As parents and coaches, please remember for whom the game is being played and act in a responsible and supportive manner.

Occasionally a problem or concern may arise with a particular coach. As a parent you have the option of speaking directly with that coach; speaking to your league representative or contacting the club line at (253)841-0859.

Season

SHBSC registration is generally at the end of January and beginning of February. The season then begins around the end of April and continues until the end of June. Please see the league newsletter which includes a calendar of all up coming important dates for the league.

Make - Up of Teams

T-ball and coach pitch teams are separated into boys and girls teams. In putting a team together, every effort is made to honor requests for teams as well as to keep players from specific

schools on the same team.

Boys baseball is divided into four groups: Mustang (ages 9-10), Bronco (ages 11-12), Pony (ages 13-14) and Colt (ages 15-16). These teams are made up from the previous years' team as well as through a draft. Players stay on the same team unless the player chooses to enter the draft in order to change teams. All new players must go through the draft process to get on a team. The boys baseball follows the Pony USA rules.

The girls fast pitch team is also divided into four groups: U10 (ages 10 and under), U12 (ages 11-12), U14 (ages 13-14), and U16 (ages 15-16). The girls' teams are also made up from the roster of the previous year. New players will be added through parental requests and geographical preferences based on their school location. The girls fast pitch follows ASA or USSSA rules.

All Star Teams

Please see individual registration tables for written information on all star teams. You may also contact the Club Line at (253)841-0859 and ask to speak to your league representative.

Opportunities to Volunteer

SHBSC is an organization that requires over 350 volunteers to carry out a multitude of responsibilities. There are any number of opportunities to assist our community with this viable and ever growing league.

Volunteers are needed to fill board positions, league representatives, fundraising, spaghetti dinner, coaching and assistant coaching, field preparation, team parents, ...! If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested in volunteering, please let someone know at any of the registration sessions, let your child's coach know that you'd like to help, or contact the club line at (253)841-0859. The league would love your help in any capacity, remember, many hands make light work!

Conclusion

SHBSC is an organization run by volunteers who are interested in providing valuable baseball experiences to the young boys and girls in our community. This league has 110 teams, serving approximately 1,400 children at 12 different fields needing over 350 volunteers (200 of which include coaches) who "make it happen". It is important to SHBSC to try to meet the ever growing needs of our children, parents, coaches, schools, and communities by providing an opportunity to learn and excel in all facets of the game of baseball.

Hopefully this handbook has answered most of your questions. Please feel free to contact your child's coach, a board member, the club line at (253)841-0859, or the website at www.shbsc.org for further information.