



# Fall 2018 Baseball FAQ

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There have been a number of questions that have been asked in the last few weeks about Granbury Athletic Association. This document addresses as many of those questions that we can in this space. Thank you for the opportunity to communicate this to each of you.

## **Are the Board of Directors paid and how are they chosen?**

The Granbury Athletic Association is primarily a voluntary organization. Only umpires receive compensation for their work. No Director or Commissioner receives a paycheck. GAA is an official 501c3 nonprofit organization. As with most nonprofits, the Board is elected by those on the Board. Anyone can submit themselves for Board membership. Commissioners are also voting members of the Board. We are always looking for more commissioners, and specifically have openings in softball divisions at the moment. There are four people that have access to the bank account, including the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

## **I get that you can't control the weather, but shouldn't our fields be able to be prepped and ready quickly?**

We have a nice baseball and softball complex. The fields are owned wholly by the City of Granbury, not by Granbury Athletic Association. GAA pays a fee per player to use the fields. It is up to the city to maintain the fields and to determine playability. The City also runs the concession stands. That said, we believe in improving our fields to the best of our ability. GAA has made many improvements, even in the last several years, upgrading scoreboards, providing safety nets for batting cages, purchasing portable mounds, among other things. Also, we will always prioritize player safety ahead of everything else. If we believe there is a risk to player safety, we will postpone games in order to best protect our community's kids!

## I pay a significant amount of money for my kids to play! What in the world does our money go toward?

At the end of this FAQ is a full breakdown of our anticipated cost-per player. We used Fall 2018 numbers, where we have approximately 400 ballplayers. Our biggest costs are umpires, field rental, jerseys, insurance, and equipment maintenance. Also, our fees are in line with the associations around the area. Below is based on research for the Fall 2018 season for communities surrounding Granbury with similar sized youth organizations. In the event that there is extra money after a season, we have put that to field improvements, scholarships, and other non-annual expenses.

<b>Other Association 2018 Fall Fees</b>			
	Early	Standard	Late
Burleson	\$105.00	\$110.00	\$135.00
Cleburne	-	\$80.00	-
Aledo	-	\$110.00	-
Benbrook	-	\$100.00	-
Granbury	\$90.00	\$100.00	\$120.00

## Why did we change uniforms this fall?

In past fall seasons, we used Minor League baseball teams. Last fall (2017), those jerseys became unavailable to us because MLB switched licensing companies from Majestic to Under Armour. Because of this, inventory was very low. We attempted to resolve that by going with major league teams last fall, but those were on back-order. The Board made the decision to adopt what other local leagues do in the Fall by creating uniforms that carried the association logo and were based on colors. Both Aledo and Benbrook youth associations do this for the fall. Unfortunately, even with that decision, and by selecting a local vendor, those jerseys were still slow to come in and there were some other issues associated with them. We apologize for that. We plan to go back to jerseys with Major League Baseball teams in the Spring..

## What can we do to help?

The biggest thing we always need is adults willing to coach and serve as volunteers.

## What are the affiliations for GAA? Are we a part of Little League, PONY, USSSA, or other group?

Softball is wholly affiliated with PONY. This is necessary because we play other communities in Softball and it gives a good structure to play across other leagues. Baseball is not affiliated with a national organization, currently. In previous years, Baseball was associated with PONY and also with USSSA. Each national organization has their own set of rules (for example, lead-offs, no big-barrel bats, age-restrictions, pitching distances, etc.). The Board decided that there was no tangible benefit to being a part of those organizations and could use the money spent on franchise fees on our local players.

## What is the relationship between Granbury Athletic and Brazos River Athletics?

Granbury Athletic and Brazos River Athletics are two separate organizations. Brazos River Athletics hosts a number of tournaments across the metroplex. In the summer, they host recreational all-star tournaments. Granbury all-star teams often participate in the Brazos River Tournaments because they host some of them in Granbury and others in White Settlement. Brazos River enters into a contract with the City to use their fields. There is one shared board member between Brazos River tournaments and Granbury Athletic, but no contractual relationship exists.

## I have more questions. Who can I contact?

The contact information for the Commissioners and Directors are on our website [granburyathletic.com](http://granburyathletic.com). Our email is [info@granburyathletic.com](mailto:info@granburyathletic.com). You can also send a message on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/GranburyAthletic/>.

<b>Granbury Athletic Association</b>		
<b>Cost Per Player Analysis - Fall 2018</b>		
Assumptions		
	400	players
	9	games per team average (8 regular season, 1 playoff game)
	10	players per team average
	180	number of games per season
<u>Costs</u>	<u>Per Season Cost</u>	<u>Notes</u>
umpire costs	\$10,800.00	\$60 per game cost
insurance	\$3,000.00	Budgeted
uniform/hat cost	\$10,000.00	\$25 total x 400
field rental	\$3,000.00	\$7.5 per player x 400
balls	\$1,080.00	2 balls per game x 180 games
catchers equipment	\$1,000.00	updating catchers sets/ bags
tees	\$200.00	2 tees
copies/ads/misc supplies	\$250.00	Flyers/Facebook Ads
field upgrades allowance (not covered by city)	\$3,500.00	portable mounds, scoreboards, cage netting
tax filing	\$250.00	½ Required 990 tax form and CPA
website	\$500.00	½ yearly hosting plus per game and player fee
Awards	\$800.00	Medals/Rings/Trophies
<i>total costs</i>	<i>\$34,380.00</i>	
cost per player if no scholarships	\$85.95	
10 percent uncollectible allowance	\$3,800.00	Scholarships, unpaid entries
<b>cost per player:</b>	<b>\$95.45</b>	