

East Montgomery Baseball and Softball, Inc.

Statement of Policy

This is a restatement of the league's policies regarding financial responsibility related to participation in tournament team play.

Tournament Team Participation and Parental Financial Responsibilities

Participation on an East Montgomery tournament team is a privilege that is bestowed upon players, coaches, and managers by the Board of Directors. With that privilege comes certain financial responsibilities for the parents and guardians of the players.

- Each year, the league selects a uniform for the tournament teams to wear. The League determines, each year, what portion of that uniform costs will be borne by the League and what portion falls to the parents.
- The Manager of the team and the Team Mom of the team, in conjunction with the parents, will make a determination of what style of pants and socks the team will wear. The League reserves the right to reject pants, shorts or socks that the League feels do not reflect positively on the League's values. The financial responsibility for pants and socks falls exclusively to the parents.
- The Manager and Team Mom may plan dinners and snacks for the team following practice, and a reasonable amount toward a team party. These costs will fall exclusively to the parents.
- In addition to the above costs, teams can ask parents to **contribute no more than \$50 total** toward other costs of the team such as bat bags, batting helmets, warm-up jackets, etc. that are being purchased for the team. (This item does not apply to costs related to the Rookie team participating beyond District level play.)

Tournament Team Participation and Fundraising Financial Responsibilities

East Montgomery allows the tournament teams to utilize the League's non-profit status to solicit funds to support the tournament team. Article II, Section 6.06 of our Constitution states "Tournament teams are permitted to solicit funds to be utilized for the players/team benefit." These funds will be placed into the East Montgomery treasury and utilized first for the benefit of the tournament team responsible for raising the funds. Contributions that are not utilized by the tournament team will be utilized for other team expenses incurred by East Montgomery.

The following rules apply to all fundraising efforts:

- All checks should be made payable to East Montgomery Baseball & Softball, Inc.
- The League President, working with the Team Mom, is responsible for holding and managing the team funds until they are turned in to the League Treasury and is responsible for maintaining a thorough accounting of the funds. This is not the job of the Manager and Coaches.
- The funds may be used for:
 - equipment costs such as bat bags, batting helmets, etc.;

- travel costs for the team (players and Coaches) such as hotel rooms, meals and gasoline.
- If we have teams qualify for state Tournaments or Dixie World Series Tournaments, some of the funds may be used to subsidize travel expenses for the parents of the players on an “individual needs” basis.
- Funds raised by the teams to be used for parties and gifts for players and coaches will be subject to the following limitations (these limits are in addition to the funds provided by the parents):
 - Gifts for Players, Coaches and Team Mom – limited to \$15 per person
 - Team Parties – limited to \$125 for one end of tournament play party
 - Exceptions to these limits must be approved in advance by the League Commissioner.
 - Travel outside of Montgomery County for non-tournament play activities must be approved in advance by the League Commissioner.
- All excess funds must be returned to the league treasury when your tournament season is ended.
- For Rookie teams, If a Rookie team elects to participate beyond District Level, all costs related to that participation will be the responsibility of the parents. However any solicited funds left over after paying for the players can be used to offset costs incurred by the parents as a result of the team participation beyond District play, such as hotels, gasoline, etc. Funds expended for these costs should benefit each player equally. You cannot reimburse parents for the money they paid for pants and socks, contributions to team parties and events, uniform costs paid to the League or other parent paid costs through District play.