



SAN CLEMENTE LITTLE LEAGUE



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SCLL Financial Budget FAQ

Whenever local community members pay money toward publically-funded organizations like SCLL, there is an inherent trust that their funds are managed properly. With respect to SCLL, it is important that SCLL parents believe that their funds are managed in the best interest of all SCLL players to ensure the most enjoyable, memorable player experience possible. The SCLL Board believes in providing transparency in how funds are being used. Therefore, this FAQ seeks to provide answers to common questions parents ask the SCLL Board. We hope you find this FAQ informative and help you appreciate the efforts SCLL makes to provide a quality experience for our SCLL youth.

1. What do player registration fees pay for?

Player registration fees -- both regular season and fall ball -- pay toward all aspects of the SCLL budget. The key components of the SCLL budget include team equipment (balls, bats, catcher's gear, etc.), uniforms, city field usage, field maintenance, insurance, annual District 68 league registration, player/coach/umpire training programs, safety equipment and programs, snack bar goods, fundraising events, and general/administrative materials.

2. Do player registration fees pay for all SCLL activities? If not, what are the other funding sources and how important are they?

Player registration fees pay for a majority of SCLL activities, but not in its entirety. Other funding sources are required to subsidize player registration fees to completely fund SCLL activities each year. These additional funding sources are vital to our success each year and include team sponsorships, fundraising events, and snack bar sales. *Team sponsorships* are provided by local companies and individuals. Their donations are tax deductible and help provide scholarships for disadvantaged players as well as provide funding for all other SCLL funding needs. *Fundraising events* include Opening Day, Angel's Day, our annual gala, SCLL movie night, and annual poker tournament. Please attend these events as they help build a greater sense of SCLL community. *Snack bar sales* are also critical to our budgetary success each year as they provide a sizable revenue opportunity each year. Please support your local snack bar at each field -- our food and beverage prices are very competitive! Without these essential funding sources, our player registration fees would be higher. It's really that simple: 100% of these funds go directly into the SCLL budget.

3. What are the largest parts of the SCLL budget? Why?

The largest parts of the SCLL budget consist of uniforms, city field usage and field maintenance. With over 1,200 players, uniform costs are significant. SCLL must pay licensing fees in order to wear uniforms with Major League Baseball and collegiate team names and logos. However, each year, we re-negotiate uniforms costs with major suppliers to keep costs as low as possible. City field usage fees are also significant as we must pay the city to rent

field time and use the field lights. Recently, these fees increased significantly due to fee increases levied by the city. Given continued economic challenges faced by the city, we expect these fees to increase again in the coming years. Finally, field maintenance is a major part of the SCLL budget. The city requires SCLL to adequately maintain the fields we use by building/maintaining the following: baseball diamond “brick dust”, pitching mounds, field fences, dugouts, batting cages, snack bars, score boards, restrooms, and viewer stands.

4. How is the SCLL budget created and managed throughout the year?

Each fiscal budget year begins on September 1st. In advance of the coming fiscal year, the SCLL Board meets several times to evaluate budget performance from the prior fiscal year, forecast necessary budget adjustments, and commit to managing the budget at each line item level. The SCLL Treasurer tracks overall budget performance throughout the year, and each assigned budget line item owner (team equipment, uniforms, city field usage, field maintenance, insurance, annual District 68 league registration, player/coach/umpire training programs, safety equipments and programs, snack bar goods, fundraising events, and general/administrative materials, etc.) is responsible for managing his/her portion of the budget to ensure fiscal responsibility. At each monthly Board meeting, the budget is reviewed to determine how we are tracking toward budget goals, and action is taken as necessary to address any budget issues. The budget is maintained and tracked using online bank accounts for “single truth” tracking and auditing, and reports are generated from these accounts. District 68 leaders can review our budget at their discretion, and we submit a 503(c) tax filing status with the IRS each year.

5. Is anyone on the SCLL Board or any other personnel compensated?

SCLL is a non-profit organization led completely by volunteer effort. SCLL Board members are not compensated in any way.