

Detailed Average Cost of Competitive Softball Player Fees

The following table is a breakdown of the detailed average monetary need in order to compete on a competitive travel softball team. All costs represent the average cost based on the needs for a summer season on a competitive or "A level" travel softball team based in the Greater Sacramento area. The costs represent the needs of just the player, not other family members.

Type of Expense	Average Cost
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Team Fees (for summer season):

Tournament Team Entry Fees (typically wrapped in to player fees).....	\$400-500
<i>(Average Summer tournament schedule consist of about 12 tournaments)</i>	
Player Fees.....	\$1,000-3,000

Tournament Associate Traveling Costs (per tournament):

Gas Costs, driving to and from tournaments.....	\$100-300
<i>(Depends on tournament location and distance)</i>	
Food Costs for Tournaments	\$100-300
Hotel & Lodging, per night.....	\$100-180
Flying to tournaments accrues additional costs per flight	\$200-600

Equipment & Apparel Costs:

New Softball Bat	\$200-300
New Softball Glove.....	\$100-250
New Pair of Cleats, normally need 2 pair a calendar year.....	\$90-150
Softball Pants, need 3-4 pairs total.....	\$40-50
Slider Shorts	\$20-30
Socks, need 2-3 pairs of each color (cost per pair)	\$10-15
Compression Shirts	\$40-60
Other Equipment, catcher's gear, catcher's glove, hats, visors, etc	\$100-300
<i>*Equipment like gloves and bats can often be used for a couple of years and are not consistent costs.</i>	
<i>The need varies by position and player. If player is a catcher, costs can increase by up to \$300.</i>	

Additional Softball Lessons & Fees:

Catching Lesson, per hour.....	\$40-100
Hitting Lesson, per hour	\$40-100
Fielding & Position Specific Lesson, per hour	\$40-100
<i>*Lessons are typically 1-2 times a week. If player is a pitcher, costs can increase by up to \$20/week.</i>	

Recruitment & College Camps:

College Camps, depends on location, duration and type	\$100-500
Softball Showcase, depends on athlete age, location, attendance and type	\$100-500
Recruitment Skills Video, depends on number of positions, quality and length	\$100-300

Total Average Costs – \$8,000/per summer season

(Calculated on High End, includes 1 Showcase, 1 Camp, and excludes flying)