

Thank you BFA board members for taking the time Monday night and consider the changes being requested to better the Kennedy high school program down the road. This is a long term plan that will likely not reap rewards for several years but I feel it is needed now. Both high school programs will benefit from dividing teams at the youth level, creating more unified group of players/parents who will play together for years to come rather than being split up later on. Ideally, BFA would perhaps be the parent organization for two high school level programs within it, each running its own player development to some extent but sharing in some economies of scale when it comes to purchases, insurance, running tournaments, etc. See option 3 at the end.

I understand what the city is trying to do with a 'One Bloomington' direction but the reality is we have two high schools with two different demographics and they are not true rivals as I tried to explain. BFA in the past has not successfully overcome the Kennedy side issues as can be seen by our current players overall skillset, attitude, and past BFA Kennedy players and parent comments.

I welcome any questions you may have prior to your Nov 21<sup>st</sup> meeting so that you can make an informed decision at that time. Feel free to call or email or I can meet with one or several of you if better face to face. I'd also be available to join that meeting if needed from the start or after you've had time to discuss internally.

Thank you,

Jim Leicht

### **Kennedy Fastpitch Program**

#### **Issues hindering a competitive Kennedy High school program include:**

- 1) Lack of pitching and catching – 2 main reasons for this are the lack of fastpitch players on the east side developing early enough to become a good pitcher and the cost of becoming a good pitcher is high with pitching lessons and time commitment (both player and parent/sibling). The same is true of catchers although perhaps to a lesser extent. Kennedy currently has 5 pitchers with only 2 of them planning on pitching for sure (9<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> grade). The status of the other 3 is unknown. We have 4 identified catchers (2 of them 8<sup>th</sup> graders)
- 2) Lack of fastpitch experienced players – Many come from slowpitch at grade 8 or 9 or with no softball experience at all. Of the 51 players last year, approximately half had played BFA at some point but only about 10 were still playing summer ball and only 4 of those at the club level. Jefferson had all but about 3 with BFA experience with most still playing summer ball and about half playing club ball.
- 3) Lack of pride or sense of loyalty – many players transfer to Jefferson (about 6 currently in the Jefferson program...all BFA players). This is a result of either wanting to play with the players they've grown up playing with in BFA or the perception that if you want to be on good team, you need to go to Jefferson. We need all players to stay and be trained to succeed.

#### **Meeting the following goals will address these issues**

<b>#</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Current Situation</b>	<b>Reasoning</b>	<b>BFA Actions or Requests</b>
1	Teams made up primarily of Kennedy players, promoting the whole group as 'Family' whether an 8U or	Currently, BFA teams are made up with no consideration of Jefferson/Kennedy side and BFA membership is about 25% Kennedy players.	Will promote friendships and bonds that are more likely to have players stay at Kennedy rather than transfer like many have done (Jefferson currently has about 6 -7 players from the Kennedy side). Priority of placement would go to Kennedy players, then Jefferson, then non	Start creating teams based on Jefferson/Kennedy borders

	Varsity player		Bloomington players. Many past BFA players on the Kennedy side who quit state reasons as such as they didn't feel part of the team or were made to feel lesser for being a Kennedy player by other players and even coaches.	
2	Practices, clinics, and games primarily on east side fields	All of the home games and practices are on the west side with the exception of the use Kelly 4. Off season Sunday clinics have been at Jefferson the last few years.	East side players don't see the sport being played in their backyard and parents see this as a west side organization. Getting to Dred Scot from the east side can take 20 min or more. This will make it more convenient for Kennedy players.	Work with the city to get more practice /game fields on the east side for all Kennedy teams Use Kennedy athletic center 50% of the time for BFA clinics
3	Kennedy High school coaches involved with choosing coaches for Kennedy teams	BFA board chooses parent and some high school/college paid coaches	Sometimes, it is hard to find quality coaches but we need dedicated parent /paid coaches who are willing to coach in line with the high school coaches direction, building an entire program, not a handoff .	Allow Kennedy high school coaches to choose Kennedy BFA team coaches
4	Kennedy High school coaches involved in clinics (players and coaches)	Kennedy coaches have not been involved in BFA clinics except for a coaches clinic in the last couple years	We want coaches aligned with the Kennedy coaches and we want them to be supported by the Kennedy coaches as much as possible	Allow Kennedy high school coaches to work with /train/set direction for the Kennedy BFA coaches and be involved in both player and coaches clinics
5	Kennedy High school coaches involved in practices and possibly coaching younger teams	High school coaches are not involved for the most part except for coaching Clutch Hitters	This is huge for younger players to have High school coaches involved and feel like they matter. It will help keep the players involved and want to play for the high school	Allow Kennedy high school coaches to work with any Kennedy BFA teams and coach or assistant coach if available
6	Kennedy Varsity players involved in younger teams, adopting a team or players	Little to no involvement by BFA or Clutch Hitters	This means so much to young 8U and 10U players to have an older player pay attention to them, know their name, help at practices, and cheer them on at games. Builds a bond with that high school team and teaches high school players to give back and build leadership skills.	Allow Kennedy Varsity player to work with Kennedy BFA teams as practice helpers or assistant coaches
7	Teams will be skill split when applicable at 10U and up	BFA splits teams evenly except for 1 upper 12U team	While both philosophies have pros and cons, skill split teams are simply the best overall and 90% of the organizations use it for that reason. We have a very detailed document if interested on this subject.	Allow Kennedy BFA teams to be split any way that the High school coaches deem appropriate which may include skill splits when multiple teams exist
8	Some teams will be formed in the fall so they can work together over the winter	BFA teams are formed in the spring and do not practice until April	We want teams to work together and bond over the off season when possible. If fall formation is not possible, we definitely want to start practicing in the spring way before BFA typically does for the same reasons. Spring registration in Feb is fine like BFA but team formation and practices need to begin in March	Allow known Kennedy players to tryout in the fall to be placed on fall teams that carry through the next summer And/or after spring registration, allow Kennedy to hold its own tryouts for earlier placement and practices to start.
9	Teams could potentially play winter tourney(s) or dome ball	BFA has no organized off season teams, but they do offer winter clinics (at Jefferson)	More off season training will prepare them better for the summer season	Allow Kennedy players to form its own dome/tournament teams or work together at practices in the off season (Oct-March)
10	Lower participation	BFA charges about \$275 per	We need to make the cost lower so more Kennedy side	Allow Kennedy Boosters to subsidize Kennedy

	costs	summer season and \$150 for fall. Scholarships are offered.	players are able to play as cost is a roadblock. Many don't know about the scholarships or don't / won't take advantage of them.	BFA players through its own fundraising. We have some sponsors who want the donations to go to Kennedy players. The Kennedy booster club would write a check to BFA (details to be worked out) lowering the player cost collected by BFA at registration.
11	Offer lighter schedule (and cost much closer to BAA) for entry level players.	At 10U and above, BFA schedule involves 3-4 weeknights between practices and games and then 5-6 weekends, occasionally a good distance like St Cloud or Mankato. Even 8U teams travel farther than needed and play more tourneys than some new families would want.	East side families seem more reluctant to jump in to a huge schedule and money commitment that BFA has, so they opt for BAA slow pitch. We need to compete with BAA and offer 'BFA lite' teams that have been suggested for years. (League games or scrimmages with umps and only Suburban Qualifier and State tournament)	Introduce and market BFA lite teams at 10U and possibly 12U to compete with BAA, especially in the east side elementary schools and other east side marketing. This would also bring more players into the Jefferson player ranks as well. Could offer t-shirt instead of jersey shirt if that helps. These teams would play B or C league
12	Offer low/no cost pitching and catching instruction for all ages	BFA offers low cost clinics but gives priority to 8/10U, expecting older pitchers to pay for private lessons which they reimburse 50% at year end	Having skilled pitchers and catchers is a must for older teams and high school teams. Kennedy struggles with even having enough pitchers and catchers to field 3 teams. For some east side players, \$45-\$75 for a 45 min pitching lesson is sometimes not a reality and it takes weekly lessons and a huge commitment to become a skilled pitcher	Open up the pitching clinics to all ages, not giving priority to 8 and 10U – add classes to accommodate all pitchers that want to train. Allow Kennedy Booster club to subsidize pitching /catching clinics for Kennedy BFA players.
13	Reach more east side families with advertising/awareness	BFA does not target BAA participants	We need to either try to work with BAA again or hand out flyers at their games and city tournament	Approach BAA to see if there is a possibility of some sort of joint venture. Ideally, we could convince BAA to add fastpitch to their in-house sports and help them develop that program. If that does not work, then target BAA players – Kennedy high school and Kennedy BFA players would hand out the flyers at BAA games/tournament.
14	Have 2 separate BFA Picnics	BFA has one picnic at 1 of the 2 Jefferson vs Kennedy games.	These teams are currently in different classes and is demoralizing for many Kennedy players to have to play Jefferson 2 times per year but having all of BFA there to see the year after year loss only promotes the idea that Jefferson is the better team where the younger player want to play someday	Choose two different dates where the other team has off. Instead of practicing that day, bring all the other teams over to cheer on support the other high school. Invite BFA players to both events and celebrate each schools program separately.

Reason for keeping teams, players and coaching together and running from the high school level down – teaching these points		
1	Fielding	1) Footwork 2) Proper Throwing

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3) Outfield work</li> <li>4) Infield work</li> <li>5) Cut off's</li> <li>6) Bunt coverage</li> <li>7) Proper alignment</li> <li>8) 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> plays</li> <li>9) Shortstop coverage</li> <li>10) What to do (slap hitting)</li> <li>11) Stealing coverage</li> <li>12) Sliding catch</li> <li>13) Diving catch</li> <li>14) Infield dive</li> <li>15) Double plays</li> <li>16) Getting the lead runner</li> <li>17) Knowing the outs</li> <li>18) How to get set</li> </ol>
2	Hitting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Proper hitting mechanics</li> <li>2) Bunting</li> <li>3) Slap hitting (for some)</li> <li>4) Directional hitting</li> <li>5) Directional Bunting</li> <li>6) Plate coverage</li> <li>7) Zero to 1 strike swings</li> <li>8) 2 strike swings</li> <li>9) Learning what the pitcher is trying to throw.</li> <li>10) Working the count</li> <li>11) Strike zone by count</li> <li>12) Mindset (not helping)</li> <li>13) Signs and execution</li> </ol>
3	Base running	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) How to run bases</li> <li>2) Lead-off's by base</li> <li>3) Sliding (inside/outside)</li> <li>4) Head first slid</li> <li>5) Stealing base's</li> <li>6) Hit and run</li> <li>7) Suicide squeeze</li> <li>8) Where fielders (in and Out) are playing</li> <li>9) Delayed steal</li> </ol>
4	Pitching	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Mindset</li> <li>2) What pitch to throw</li> <li>3) Take what the batter give you</li> <li>4) Know what the hitter did last time.</li> <li>5) Hitting spots</li> <li>6) Changing your timing</li> </ol>

		7) Correcting mistakes
5	Catching	1) Catching mechanics 2) Blocking 3) Throwing 4) Pick-off's 5) Knowing the batters 6) Knowing your pitcher 7) Knowing what pitch to call. 8) Bunt calls 9) Cut-offs 10) 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> calls 11) Def alignment
6	Coaching	1) How to run a practice 2) Identifying players strengths and weakness 3) In game strategies 4) What matters (long term goals) 5) Dealing with parents and players 6) Forming a "team" 7) This is for the girls

## Proposals:

In all 3 options we are requesting the following:

- 1) Allow Kennedy Booster Club to subsidize player fees and pitching /catching additional costs as it deems appropriate as outlined in #10 above
- 2) Develop and offer BFA lite teams as outlined in # 11 above.
  - a. 8U (playing locally in-house or only with close communities and only play the state tourney)
  - b. 10U, and possibly 12U if the interest is there (both playing Suburban League B or C divisions with only state qualifier and state tournaments.
  - c. These lite teams may only have t-shirts instead of jerseys (no different than BAA which also then gets used outside of games – more advertising).
  - d. They would not play in the Bash nor be required to work volunteer hours.
  - e. The cost would be in line with BAA slowpitch in order for this to work.
  - f. They would meet 2-3 times per week for practices /games but not on weekends.
  - g. Registration would be the same as for the other spring teams but could also hold later registration dates like BAA does since they would not be practicing in the gyms like regular BFA teams.
- 3) Offer low/no cost pitching & catching instruction to all interested players as outlined in #12. If you have to make a choice due to a lack of funding/coaches, then ensure Kennedy players have equal representation.
- 4) Increase advertising to target east side and BAA as outlined in #13
- 5) Change the BFA Picnic as outlined in #14

**Option 1 – No teams split by Kennedy/Jefferson (Worst option in our opinion and only listed to show it does not meet the Kennedy needs. This is what we perceived the board leaning towards by the questions /comments made so wanted to list it here. It does not allow for Goals 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9 to be met**

1. Ensure Pitchers and catchers from the Kennedy side get equal playing time. This could be accomplished by having all pitchers on a team be from one school or the other which would ensure at least one Kennedy pitcher is developing (even if the coach is not doing the right thing by developing all pitchers on the team by playing only the top pitcher which has often been the case in BFA's history). The same holds true for catchers. It would make sense to have the pitcher and catcher from the same school on the same team so they form a bonds but it could also be Kennedy pitchers with Jefferson catchers and vice versa  
Cons – This would make it more difficult to form teams and does not guarantee that a pitcher or catcher not initially identified doesn't rise up from the other school. It is not realistic to expect the coach to make sure pitchers from both schools are getting equal time.
2. Obtain Kennedy side fields and have both practices and games split equally on both sides.  
Cons – with only 25% Kennedy players, this is not fair to the Jefferson side players. Yet having only 25% of games and practices on the east side does not address the Kennedy issue. Why not have everyone just play and practice as close to home as possible?
3. Kennedy Coaches could be involved in Sunday clinics at KAC/Game Changers if desired – All BFA players are welcome to all clinics
4. BFA chooses coaches as they do today and runs all player development / tryouts / team formation

**Option 2 – Offer Kennedy teams with priority given to Kennedy side first, then Jefferson, then outside the city players. Allow families to decide at registration which type of team they want to play for as there are differences – This option would accommodate many of our goals except possibly #8 and #9. This option seems a little messy since it seems like an off shoot within BFA. This is our second favorite.**

1. At registration, Kennedy side players are offered to play on a Kennedy based team. The choice is totally up to them but the advantages need to be explained so they can make an informed decision:
  - a. Practice and play closer to home (No Dred Scott)
  - b. Develop relationships with the players and coaches likely to play with in Highschool
  - c. Subsidized player fees and pitching/catching from Kennedy Booster club
  - d. Kennedy coaching staff involved from 8U on up
    - i. Training the Kennedy BFA coaches
    - ii. Working with players at Clinics and team practices
    - iii. Being taught fundamentals and plays used throughout the
  - e. Players grouped together by skill level at team formation if multiple teams
  - f. Teams will play at or above the team skill level to always be facing good competition
  - g. Work with the Kennedy Varsity players
    - i. Assistant coaching
    - ii. Practice/Clinic help
    - iii. Adopt a team / Cheerlead / get to know younger players
2. Obtain Kennedy side fields and have both practices and games on Kennedy side. Kennedy teams would have priority on Kelly fields when doing field draw.

3. Kennedy High school coaches would run tryouts as needed for Kennedy teams. If there is only one team at an age level there is no need for a tryout other than to see pitchers and catchers and maybe start working with them immediately if needed.
4. Kennedy Coaches could be involved in Sunday clinics at KAC/Game Changers if desired – All BFA players are welcome to all clinics
5. Kennedy Varsity coach chooses coaches for Kennedy BFA teams and works with them directly to ensure they are teaching the skills in the same manner.
6. Kennedy team families would have the same volunteer expectations for the Bash/NAFA, etc
7. Add a board position for the program as a liaison
8. Kennedy Varsity coach or representative if unavailable to attend all BFA board meetings.
9. Allow Kennedy teams to form for winter dome leagues or tournaments with priority given to Kennedy side first, then Jefferson, then outside the city players with Kennedy Booster subsidizing as they see fit to help future Kennedy players.
10. Allow Kennedy Teams to form and start practicing as soon as possible in the spring
11. Allow Kennedy Boosters to offer additional clinics /practices in the off season (Oct-March) with priority given to Kennedy side first, then Jefferson, then outside the city players
12. 'Regular BFA' teams are untouched. Provided there enough Kennedy side fields made available, they can still use fields on the Kennedy side, have evenly split teams, and everything else. At least one Kennedy team would play 'A' allowing BFA to not have to sacrifice a team in the event the 'Baker rule' is implemented.

**Option 3 – Reorganize BFA to be the parent or umbrella for two high school based programs underneath who share insurance, tournament responsibilities, fundraising, advertising, purchasing power, and other roles that make sense at a higher level. Both high school programs run their own player development and have their own tryouts. Priority is given to players who live in the program area first, then the other side, then outside the city players. Providing spots are open any player can play on either program with no hard feelings as we are offering them more choices that may fit better with their families schedule and economic situation. It is still about the girls playing ball and growing both programs. This option would accommodate all our goals and is therefore our preferred choice. It would also be the best option for both schools, not just Kennedy.**

1. At registration, players are offered a choice which program to 'apply for'. Hopefully we can accommodate all choices but priority will go to the future players of the high school in which they currently live. So Jefferson program will take Jefferson players first, then Kennedy, then outside the city. The Kennedy program will take Kennedy players first, then Jefferson, then outside the city. The choice is totally up to them but the differences between the two programs need to be explained so they can make an informed decision:
  - a. Where they will primarily practice and play
  - b. Costs and subsidies available
  - c. High school coaches and player involvement
  - d. Player development philosophy
  - e. Off season training plan
2. Obtain Kennedy side fields and have both practices and games on each side respectively whenever possible. Kennedy teams would have priority on Kelly fields and Jefferson teams would have priority on Dred Scott fields when doing field draw (or perhaps we split them up from the beginning and have separate field draws)
3. Each program would run tryouts as needed. If there is only one team at an age level there is no need for a tryout other than to see pitchers and catchers and maybe start working with them immediately if needed.
4. Kennedy Coaches could be involved in Sunday clinics at KAC/Game Changers if desired – All BFA players are welcome to all clinics
5. Player development board positions would be needed for each program who would be in charge of:
  - a. Tryouts

- b. Team formation (along with committee)
  - c. Coaches training
  - d. Coach selection (along with committee)
6. Families would have the same volunteer expectations for the Bash/NAFA, etc
  7. Add board positions for the programs as a liaison (Jefferson Program Director and Kennedy Program Director) who would lead each individual program
  8. Other BFA board positions and structure TBD
  9. At least one Kennedy team would play 'A' allowing Jefferson to not have to sacrifice a team in the event the 'Baker rule' is implemented. Or alternatively, if the league knows we are splitting based on school, they may look at each school individually so until either school has more than 3 teams at 10U or above, Jefferson could still split teams evenly and play B. This option may require naming the teams differently as opposed to Bloomington (Blue, Red, White, and Black) so other organizations see the split as well and are less likely to complain.

To: Jim Leicht

From: BFA Board

Date: November 22, 2016

RE: Kennedy Fastpitch Program

A working group met on November 21, 2016 to give consideration to the information you presented at the November Board meeting and discuss both the 14 goals and 3 options you proposed in a follow-up email.

## OVERVIEW

Throughout the working session it became clear that a change in the philosophy and structure of BFA is not something that could be done quickly. Key decisions would need to be made, structure would need to change and association by-laws updated. This would require a multi-year phase-in process in order to ensure smooth transition and a thoughtful process.

Inserting another non-profit community organization to operate independently under the umbrella of BFA without any oversight is not agreeable to the Board. All actions and decisions that would be made by this organization would have a direct impact to the BFA reputation as a whole; therefore, the idea of having “no say” in the decisions or operations of an independent organization within BFA is not acceptable to the Board.

That being said, the Board agrees there are actions that can be taken immediately and programs that can be developed and rolled out to support the stated intent of the program you presented. We looked at each of the goals outlined in your written proposal and we have responded to each below.

## GOALS

1. We will begin asking the membership at registration which middle school boundary they reside. We can make an effort to cluster kids from the same schools and refine our field draw practices to ensure those with concentration of Valley View and Oak Grove residing players utilize available fields closer to their residence. This would be done to the extent possible while also keeping with the BFA philosophies of team distribution. The player selection committee could include your (or a named representative) participation to help execute in this objective.
2. We are happy to have all fielding clinics at Kennedy instead of Jefferson – including the 2017 winter clinics, provided we can get the gym space. See #1 regarding practices/games on fields closer to the eastside. We did obtain an additional field (Cedarcrest), but we are limited by

the City's field distributions. We have lobbied for the past 3 years with several meetings with City officials to obtain more eastside fields and will continue to do so with the new Parks & Rec representatives.

3. We have a healthy budget for paid coaches and that budget has been increased for FY17, but we are only able to choose coaches from those who apply. We welcome any referrals and recommendations. We welcome any coach training that you want to provide and your participation on the Player & Coach Development committee. We have an application process that is in accordance with our ASA certification and insurance program and all coaches need to follow that process (Application, background check and ACE certification).

4. Absolutely! Greg Westendorf would love the assistance and input of additional knowledge.

5. We are already doing this with Alexa Miller and Morgan Garbreicht from Kennedy working with the kids. We would certainly not turn away kids willing to work with the girls. We have several girls volunteer and work at the winter clinics last year.

6. We welcome increased participation and having these players work with the kids and gain their own "coaching" skill sets. We can certainly assist with targeting the KHS members as was done with the "bat girl" idea used for the Kennedy games this past spring.

7. This is a philosophical difference of opinion. We are looking at possible changes to the 12U program, but stand hard with the 8U and 10U program being distributed even-skills. This is based on the overwhelming feedback received by the membership regarding their approval of this system. We note that other cities who have programs that use the tiered system at the younger ages also have strong in-house programs and are able to offer a different type of product for their traveling teams than Bloomington can currently provide.

8. This goes against the idea of supporting multi-sport athletes and is in direct conflict with the idea of the time commitment issue(s) that were referenced in the list of reasons why kids do not participate. We are also limited by the amount of indoor space we can obtain during the winter basketball/volleyball season.

9. This contradicts the transportation and time commitment issues and does not support multi-sport athletes. However, if it is something that Kennedy strongly desires, we do not see reason to oppose Kennedy running up its own off-season dome ball program much like what Game Changers has done in the past – or even run a program in conjunction with Game Changes. BFA is commitment to in-season teams and off-season clinics and is not planning to

participate in off-season teams, but will not interfere with any off-season program Kennedy wishes to create.

10. We would have to advertise the same “fee” to everyone. Kennedy could certainly offer a scholarship to kids who meet a specific criteria and subsidize the fee using funds from their sources. The details of this would need to be worked out with our Treasurer to ensure that all legal and regulatory requirements are met when instituting this policy.

We also recognize the fiscal issues that face many of the players on the eastside and we discussed the idea of implementing an “equipment rental” program for those that need it and would need assistance with the implementation, coordination and functioning of the program.

11. This is something that is certainly a great idea that we would love to institute. It is not feasible to institute for the upcoming 2017 summer season as there would be tremendous ground work that would need to be done prior to registration. This is a long-term objective that we could look at planning (now) for the following season.

Other ideas of how to address this concern on a more immediate basis are certainly welcome.

It should be noted that the league has made it clear that any teams who do not participate in league play cannot participate in the qualifier and/or state tournaments (teams were denied participation in the 2016 8U State tournament because they did not participate in summer league play).

12. We would not object to Kennedy offering an additional pitching program to the one that BFA currently provides. We have been unable to offer pitching to everyone who has wanted it because of limited (human) resources. Therefore, a priority system was instituted. This past session did not fill up and everyone (8U-12U) who wanted to participate in lessons was able to. Nevertheless, if Kennedy has additional coaches who can offer more availability, we would love to have more kids pitching.

13. This is something the board needs to consider more carefully. We need to be very careful about “targeting” BAA players. When this was done 6 years ago, it caused a rift which is still reverberating today. Board members have been mending bridges over the last couple of years at the City’s encouragement. We need to be mindful of our need to co-exist. There are other ways to market to the target group that does not include a direct flyer campaign at the BAA games/ tournaments. We welcome you or a representative to work with our new Director of Marketing

on an “eastside” initiative to include social media, a “try softball” or “bring a friend to softball” program, etc.

14. The BFA picnic was a long-standing program that was inherited by the BFA board. It is not a mandate to have the picnic and after hearing comments regarding how it affects the Kennedy players, we certainly agree that it is no longer appropriate. The intent was to have an event that brought together the larger softball community (BFA players and high school players). We would like to continue to address that purpose, albeit in a different format. We would appreciate for a member of the KHS booster club to come up with an idea of an alternative program.