

2015-16 MHSAA Participation Fee Survey – Senior High Results

(Final – 557 Responses – 74% Response Rate)

Note: For the purposes of this survey, a participation fee is anything more than \$20 regardless of the title your school has given the fee (i.e., Registration Fee, Insurance Fee, Transportation Fee, Trainers Fee, etc.). If a student-athlete's participation on a team is contingent on paying any kind of fee, please provide the details requested below.

We are assessing a fee in 2015-16 – 287 (51.5%)

Breakdown by Class – A 101 (70%); B 64 (48%); C 70 (49%); D 52 (38%)

We ARE NOT assessing a fee in 2015-16 – 270 (48.5%)

PART ONE – To be filled out only by schools ASSESSING Participation Fees

1. Fees are also being assessed for other, non-athletic, extracurricular activities. 97 (34%) - Yes 187 (65%) - No
2. We are going to evaluate the implementation of fees on an annual basis. 221 (77%) – Yes 65 (23%) - No
3. We are calling our fee: Participation Fee 222 (77%); Registration Fee 13 (5%); Insurance Fee 7 (2%); Transportation Fee 4 (1%); Trainers Fee 1 (<1%); Other 35 (12%)
4. This is the FIRST time we have EVER had a Participation Fee. 2 (<1%) – Yes 284 (99%) – No
5. Our school also had a Participation Fee in the 2016-17 school year. 226 (79%) – Yes 44 (15%) – No
6. Have you seen a drop in participation because of Participation Fees? 20 (7%) – Yes 265 (92%) - No
7. Have students transferred out of your school because of Participation Fees? 2 (<1%) – Yes 280 (98%) – No
8. Do you have a maximum fee that you will charge a student-athlete for the school year? 162 (56%) – Yes 120 (42%) – No
9. Annual maximum fee per student breakdown:
 Low - \$25 High - \$800 Median - \$150
 Listing by fee: \$25 – 2; \$30 – 1; \$40 – 2; \$50 – 3; \$60 – 4; \$75 – 8; \$80 – 2; \$85 – 1; \$90 – 4; \$100 – 23; \$105 – 1; \$110 – 1; \$115 – 1; \$120 – 5; \$125 – 8; \$135 – 1; \$150 – 18; \$155 – 1; \$160 – 1; \$165 – 1; \$170 – 1; \$175 – 3; \$180 – 3; \$200 – 12; \$225 – 1; \$240 – 1; \$250 – 5; \$275 – 3; \$280 – 2; \$300 – 16; \$310 – 1; \$325 – 2; \$350 – 4; \$360 – 2; \$385 – 4; \$400 – 2; \$410 – 1; \$425 – 1; \$525 – 2; \$800 – 1.
10. Do you have a maximum fee that you will charge a family for the school year? 145 (51%) – Yes 139 (48%) – No
11. Annual maximum fee per family breakdown:
 Low - \$30 High - \$880 Median - \$300
 Listing by fee: \$30 – 1; \$50 – 1; \$75 – 1; \$100 – 2; \$120 – 1; \$125 – 1; \$140 – 1; \$150 – 5; \$175 – 2; \$180 – 3; \$200 – 18; \$225 – 3; \$240 – 2; \$250 – 13; \$275 – 2; \$285 – 1; \$300 – 22; \$330 – 1; \$350 – 6; \$360 – 1; \$370 – 1; \$400 – 5; \$450 – 4; \$500 – 10; \$525 – 1; \$545 – 1; \$560 – 4; \$590 – 1; \$600 – 5; \$650 – 1; \$700 – 2; \$720 – 1; \$750 – 1; \$770 – 1; \$780 – 1; \$800 – 3; \$850 – 1; \$880 – 1.
12. Our Participation Fee is:
 a. A standardized one-time fee per student-athlete for the entire year 79 (27%)
 b. A standardized fee per team, regardless of how many sports a student-athlete plays 127 (44%)
 c. Tiered, based on the number of sports a student-athlete plays 41 (14%)
 d. Varies by sport 11 (4%)
 e. Other 24 (8%)
13. One-time fee per student breakdown:
 Minimum - \$25 Maximum - \$425 Median - \$120
 Listing by fee: \$25 – 2; \$40 – 1; \$50 – 4; \$60 – 1; \$75 – 6; \$80 – 1; \$85 – 1; \$100 – 20; \$115 – 1; \$120 – 3; \$125 – 4; \$150 – 8; \$155 – 1; \$175 – 2; \$180 – 1; \$200 – 4; \$225 – 1; \$250 – 3; \$275 – 2; \$300 – 3; \$325 – 1; \$350 – 3; \$360 – 1; \$385 – 3; \$425 – 1.
14. Fee per team student breakdown:
 Minimum - \$20 Maximum - \$250 Median - \$75
 Listing by fee: \$20 – 2; \$25 – 3; \$30 – 3; \$35 – 2; \$40 – 7; \$45 – 1; \$50 – 17; \$60 – 4; \$65 – 4; \$70 – 3; \$75 – 21; \$80 – 2; \$85 – 2; \$90 – 1; \$95 – 3; \$100 – 18; \$110 – 3; \$115 – 2; \$120 – 2; \$125 – 5; \$130 – 1; \$140 – 3; \$150 – 5; \$155 – 1; \$160 – 1; \$175 – 5; \$195 – 2; \$250 – 1.
15. Does your school offer a reduced fee or fee waiver provision based on income criteria? 198 (69%) – Yes 87 (30%) – No
16. Do student-athletes receive any additional benefits related to their fee payment? 32 (11%) – Yes 253 (88%) – No

PART TWO – To be filled out only by schools NOT ASSESSING Participation Fees

1. Our school has assessed Participation Fees in the past. 36 (13%) – Yes 233 (86%) – No
2. We have had students transfer into our district because we are not assessing a fee. 12 (4%) – Yes 254 (94%) – No
3. The possibility of fees for 2018-19 is still being considered. 20 (7%) – Yes 247 (91%) - No