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; $600 – 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