2016-17 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 2016-17 – 277 (49.7%)
Breakdown by Class – A 96 (70%); B 71 (52%); C 60 (42%); D 50 (35%)
We ARE NOT assessing a fee in 2016-17 – 280 (50.3%)

PART ONE – To be filled out only by schools ASSESSING Participation Fees
1. Fees are also being assessed for other, non-athletic, extracurricular activities. 90 (32%) - Yes 186 (67%) - No
2. We are going to evaluate the implementation of fees on an annual basis. 212 (77%) - Yes 62 (22%) - No
3. We are calling our fee: Participation Fee 219 (79%); Registration Fee 19 (7%); Insurance Fee 2 (1%); Transportation Fee 4 (1%); Other 33 (12%)
4. This is the FIRST time we have EVER had a Participation Fee. 4 (1%) - Yes 270 (97%) - No
5. Our school also had a Participation Fee in the 2015-16 school year. 211 (76%) - Yes 54 (19%) - No
6. Have you seen a drop in participation because of Participation Fees? 27 (10%) - Yes 250 (90%) - No
7. Have students transferred out of your school because of Participation Fees? 3 (1%) - Yes 271 (98%) - No
8. Do you have a maximum fee that you will charge a student-athlete for the school year? 162 (58%) - Yes 108 (39%) - No
9. Annual maximum fee per student breakdown:
   Low - $20 High - $425 Median - $150
   Listing by fee: $20 – 1; $25 – 4; $40 – 2; $50 – 5; $60 – 3; $70 – 1; $75 – 6; $80 – 1; $90 – 1; $100 – 27; $105 – 2; $120 – 4;
   $125 – 10; $130 – 3; $135 – 1; $150 – 19; $160 – 1; $170 – 1; $175 – 2; $180 – 2; $200 – 16; $220 – 1; $225 – 4; $240 – 1; $245 – 1;
   $250 – 7; $265 – 1; $275 – 4; $280 – 1; $300 – 9; $325 – 1; $350 – 7; $360 – 1; $380 – 1; $385 – 1; $400 – 1; $410 – 2;
   $425 – 1.
10. Do you have a maximum fee that you will charge a family for the school year? 146 (53%) - Yes 129 (47%) - No
11. Annual maximum fee per family breakdown:
   Low - $50 High - $850 Median - $300
   Listing by fee: $50 – 2; $75 – 1; $100 – 3; $120 – 1; $150 – 3; $180 – 2; $200 – 15; $240 – 3; $245 – 1; $250 – 18; $259 – 1; $275 – 3;
   $300 – 20; $320 – 2; $330 – 1; $350 – 4; $360 – 2; $370 – 1; $400 – 9; $450 – 3; $500 – 10; $525 – 3; $530 – 1; $535 – 1; $540 – 1;
   $545 – 1; $600 – 2; $700 – 7; $720 – 2; $760 – 1; $770 – 1; $800 – 2; $850 – 1.
12. Our Participation Fee is:
   a. A standardized one-time fee per student-athlete for the entire year 86 (31%)
   b. A standardized fee per team, regardless of how many sports a student-athlete plays 122 (44%)
   c. Tiered, based on the number of sports a student-athlete plays 34 (12%)
   d. Varies by sport 12 (4%)
   e. Other 20 (7%)
13. One-time fee per student breakdown:
   Minimum - $25 Maximum - $385 Median - $125
   Listing by fee: $25 – 4; $40 – 1; $50 – 7; $60 – 1; $75 – 6; $80 – 1; $85 – 1; $100 – 16; $120 – 3; $125 – 7; $130 – 1; $150 – 10;
   $175 – 2; $180 – 1; $200 – 3; $220 – 1; $250 – 2; $265 – 1; $275 – 2; $300 – 1; $325 – 2; $350 – 6; $380 – 1; $385 – 2.
14. Fee per team student breakdown:
   Minimum - $20 Maximum - $250 Median - $75
   Listing by fee: $20 – 4; $25 – 3; $30 – 1; $35 – 2; $40 – 6; $45 – 1; $50 – 23; $60 – 2; $65 – 2; $70 – 3; $75 – 16; $80 – 4;
   $85 – 5; $90 – 2; $95 – 2; $100 – 17; $115 – 1; $120 – 3; $125 – 5; $130 – 1; $140 – 4; $150 – 6; $165 – 1; $175 – 5; $180 – 1;
   $195 – 1; $200 – 2; $210 – 1; $250 – 1.
15. Does your school offer a reduced fee or fee waiver provision based on income criteria? 184 (66%) - Yes 92 (33%) - No
16. Do student-athletes receive any additional benefits related to their fee payment? 30 (11%) - Yes 245 (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. 31 (11%) - Yes 247 (88%) - No
2. We have had students transfer into our district because we are not assessing a fee. 9 (3%) - Yes 266 (95%) - No
3. The possibility of fees for 2017-18 is still being considered. 16 (6%) - Yes 261 (93%) - No