

2009-10 MHSAA Participation Fee Survey – Senior High Results

(Final – 475 Responses – 62% 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 2009-10 – 221 (47%)

Breakdown by Class – A 76 (62%); B 59 (50%); C 47 (38%); D 39 (35%)

We ARE NOT assessing a fee in 2009-10 – 254 (53%)

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

1. Fees are also being assessed for other, non-athletic, extracurricular activities 62 (28%) - Yes 157 (72%) - No
2. We are going to evaluate the implementation of fees on an annual basis 178 (82%) – Yes 40 (18%) - No
3. We are calling our fee: Participation Fee 162 (75%); Registration Fee 22 (5%); Insurance Fee 4 (2%);
Transportation Fee 10 (5%); Trainers Fee 2 (1%); Other 26 (12%)
4. This is the FIRST time we have EVER had a Participation Fee 15 (7%) – Yes 205 (93%) – No
5. Our school also had a Participation Fee in the 2008-09 school year 143 (70%) – Yes 61 (30%) – No
6. Have you seen a drop in participation because of Participation Fees? 31 (14%) – Yes 186 (86%) - No
7. Have students transferred out of your school because of Participation Fees? 1 (0.5%) – Yes 216 (99.5%) – No
8. Do you have a maximum fee that you will charge a student-athlete for the school year? 119 (54%) – Yes 100 (46%) – No
9. Annual maximum fee per student breakdown:
a. Low - \$10 b. High - \$450 c. Median - \$150
d. Listing by fee: \$10 – 1; \$25 – 2; \$30 - 4; \$35 – 1; \$40 – 2; \$50 – 7; \$60 – 1; \$65 – 1; \$75 – 6; \$80 – 2; \$90 – 2; \$100 – 14;
\$120 – 6; \$125 – 4; \$130 – 2; \$150 – 23; \$160 – 1; \$180 – 3; \$187 – 1; \$200 – 4; \$225 – 4; \$250 – 3; \$275 – 1; \$280 – 1;
\$300 – 10; \$320 – 3; \$345 – 1; \$360 – 2; \$450 - 1
10. Do you have a maximum fee that you will charge a family for the school year? 94 (43%) – Yes 123 (57%) – No
11. Annual maximum fee per family breakdown:
a. Low - \$50 b. High - \$720 c. Median - \$248
d. Listing by fee: \$50 – 1; \$60 – 1; \$100 – 4; \$120 – 4; \$125 – 1; \$150 – 5; \$160 – 1; \$175 – 2; \$180 – 3; \$200 – 13; \$210 – 1;
\$225 – 4; \$240 – 1; \$2145 – 1; \$250 – 8; \$270 – 1; \$300 – 10; \$320 – 1; \$330 – 1; \$350 – 1; \$400 – 9; \$450 – 3; \$500 – 3;
\$560 – 1; \$600 – 1; \$700 – 1; \$720 - 1
12. Our Participation Fee is:
a. A standardized one-time fee per student-athlete for the entire year 60 (28%)
b. A standardized fee per team, regardless of how many sports a student-athlete plays 90 (42%)
c. Tiered, based on the number of sports a student-athlete plays 29 (14%)
d. Varies by sport 7 (3%)
e. Other 28 (13%)
13. One-time fee per student breakdown:
a. Minimum - \$10 b. Maximum - \$400 c. Median - \$100
d. Listing by fee: \$10 – 2; \$20 – 1; \$25 – 4; \$30 – 2; \$35 – 1; \$40 – 2; \$50 – 5; \$60 – 1; \$65 – 1; \$70 – 1; \$75 – 7; \$80 – 1;
\$100 – 8; \$110 – 1; \$120 – 5; \$125 – 4; \$130 – 1; \$140 - 1; \$150 – 10; \$200 – 2; \$225 – 1; \$300 – 1; \$400 - 1
14. Fee per team student breakdown:
a. Minimum - \$15 b. Maximum - \$180 c. Median - \$70
d. Listing by fee: \$15 – 1; \$18 – 1; \$20 – 5; \$25 – 7; \$30 – 2; \$35 – 1; \$40 – 4; \$45 – 2; \$50 – 19; \$60 – 5; \$65 – 2;
\$75 – 13; \$80 – 4; \$85 – 1; \$100 – 13; \$110 – 2; \$115 - 2; \$125 - 5; \$130 – 1; \$150 – 4; \$175 – 2; \$180 - 1
15. Does your school offer a reduced fee or fee waiver provision based on income criteria? 147 (68%) – Yes 69 (32%) – No
16. Do student-athletes receive any additional benefits related to their fee payment? 17 (8%) – Yes 216 (92%) – No

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

1. Our school has assessed Participation Fees in the past 22 (9%) – Yes 232 (91%) – No
2. We have had students transfer into our district because we are not assessing a fee 12 (5%) – Yes 242 (95%) – No
3. The possibility of fees for 2010-11 is still be considered 81 (32%) – Yes 172 (68%) - No