

# 2014-15 MHSAA Participation Fee Survey – Senior High Results

## (Final – 522 Responses – 69% 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 2014-15 – 269 (51.5%)**

**Breakdown by Class – A 93 (70%); B 67 (52%); C 65 (47%); D 44 (35%)**

**We ARE NOT assessing a fee in 2014-15 – 253 (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. 88 (33%) - Yes 177 (66%) - No
2. We are going to evaluate the implementation of fees on an annual basis. 204 (76%) – Yes 63 (23%) - No
3. We are calling our fee: Participation Fee 205 (76%); Registration Fee 16 (6%); Insurance Fee 3 (1%); Transportation Fee 13 (5%); Trainers Fee 1 (<1%); Other 27 (10%)
4. This is the FIRST time we have EVER had a Participation Fee. 4 (1%) – Yes 261 (97%) – No
5. Our school also had a Participation Fee in the 2013-14 school year. 205 (76%) – Yes 52 (19%) – No
6. Have you seen a drop in participation because of Participation Fees? 28 (10%) – Yes 234 (87%) - No
7. Have students transferred out of your school because of Participation Fees? 3 (1%) – Yes 261 (97%) – No
8. Do you have a maximum fee that you will charge a student-athlete for the school year? 159 (59%) – Yes 98 (36%) – No
9. Annual maximum fee per student breakdown:  
 Low - \$20 High - \$700 Median - \$150  
 Listing by fee: \$20 – 1; \$25 – 3; \$40 – 2; \$50 – 7; \$60 – 1; \$65 – 1; \$70 – 1; \$75 – 8; \$80 – 3; \$85 – 1; \$90 – 3; \$100 – 27; \$105 – 2; \$115 – 1; \$120 – 4; \$125 – 6; \$130 – 1; \$135 – 1; \$140 – 2; \$150 – 19; \$155 – 1; \$160 – 1; \$165 – 1; \$175 – 6; \$180 – 4; \$188 – 1; \$195 – 1; \$200 – 12; \$225 – 3; \$240 – 1; \$250 – 4; \$275 – 1; \$280 – 2; \$300 – 10; \$325 – 1; \$350 – 2; \$375 – 1; \$380 – 3; \$400 – 2; \$410 – 2; \$425 – 4; \$600 – 1; \$700 – 1.
10. Do you have a maximum fee that you will charge a family for the school year? 146 (54%) – Yes 115 (43%) – No
11. Annual maximum fee per family breakdown:  
 Low - \$50 High - \$900 Median - \$300  
 Listing by fee: \$50 – 1; \$75 – 1; \$100 – 5; \$120 – 2; \$125 – 1; \$150 – 7; \$180 – 4; \$195 – 1; \$200 – 19; \$225 – 2; \$240 – 3; \$250 – 11; \$275 – 6; \$285 – 1; \$300 – 24; \$320 – 1; \$350 – 2; \$360 – 1; \$370 – 1; \$400 – 6; \$450 – 5; \$500 – 5; \$525 – 1; \$540 – 1; \$560 – 1; \$575 – 1; \$590 – 2; \$600 – 8; \$676 – 1; \$700 – 5; \$720 – 1; \$750 – 2; \$850 – 1; \$900 – 1.
12. Our Participation Fee is:  
 a. A standardized one-time fee per student-athlete for the entire year 76 (28%)  
 b. A standardized fee per team, regardless of how many sports a student-athlete plays 105 (39%)  
 c. Tiered, based on the number of sports a student-athlete plays 44 (16%)  
 d. Varies by sport 17 (6%)  
 e. Other 19 (7%)
13. One-time fee per student breakdown:  
 Minimum - \$25 Maximum - \$425 Median - \$100  
 Listing by fee: \$25 – 2; \$40 – 1; \$50 – 6; \$75 – 9; \$80 – 1; \$100 – 17; \$115 – 1; \$120 – 3; \$125 – 4; \$140 – 1; \$150 – 8; \$155 – 1; \$165 – 1; \$175 – 3; \$200 – 4; \$250 – 2; \$275 – 1; \$300 – 3; \$325 – 2; \$350 – 1; \$425 – 2.
14. Fee per team student breakdown:  
 Minimum - \$15 Maximum - \$275 Median - \$75  
 Listing by fee: \$15 – 1; \$20 – 2; \$25 – 5; \$30 – 2; \$35 – 3; \$40 – 8; \$45 – 2; \$50 – 16; \$60 – 3; \$65 – 2; \$70 – 1; \$75 – 15; \$80 – 4; \$85 – 2; \$90 – 1; \$95 – 2; \$100 – 14; \$115 – 1; \$120 – 2; \$125 – 5; \$140 – 2; \$150 – 6; \$155 – 1; \$175 – 3; \$200 – 3; \$250 – 2; \$275 – 1.
15. Does your school offer a reduced fee or fee waiver provision based on income criteria? 173 (64%) – Yes 88 (33%) – No
16. Do student-athletes receive any additional benefits related to their fee payment? 28 (10%) – Yes 235 (87%) – No

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

1. Our school has assessed Participation Fees in the past. 23 (9%) – Yes 230 (91%) – No
2. We have had students transfer into our district because we are not assessing a fee. 8 (3%) – Yes 244 (96%) – No
3. The possibility of fees for 2015-16 is still being considered. 22 (9%) – Yes 230 (91%) - No