

**DEAR MHS PARENTS & STUDENTS,**

Mason City Schools has a rich tradition in athletics and we look forward to continuing that tradition this coming school year. It is our hope that participation in Mason Athletic Programs is a rewarding experience for you and your child. As you are well aware by now, on January 25, 2011 the Mason City Schools Board of Education approved the implementation of a participation fee for students participating in interscholastic athletics. The purpose for the implementation of this fee is to aid in the cost recovery effort that the Mason City School District spends annually to support our student athletes in their interscholastic athletic endeavors.

Below you will find pertinent information regarding the structure of the Mason City Schools Participation Fee Plan. Should you have any additional questions please don't hesitate to contact the Mason City Schools Athletic Department at (513)398-2513.

Students participating in interscholastic athletics, grades 7-12, will be participating under a "Pay to Participate" plan. The participation fee for student athletes in grades 9 through 12 is \$180 per sport, per season, with no family cap. The participation fee for student athletes in grades 7 and 8 is \$120 per sport, per season, with no family cap. Please review the following payment schedule for the high school...

**SCHEDULE FOR PAYMENT**

<b>SPORT</b>	<b>PAYMENT PERIOD</b>
Cheerleading	Aug. 29 - Sept. 2
Football	Aug. 29 - Sept. 2
Cross Country	Aug. 29 - Sept. 2
Golf	Aug. 29 - Sept. 2
Boys Soccer (HS Only)	Aug. 29 - Sept. 2
Girls Soccer (HS Only)	Aug. 29 - Sept. 2
Girls Tennis	Aug. 29 - Sept. 2
Girls Volleyball	Aug. 29 - Sept. 2
Boys Basketball	Dec. 5 - 9
Girls Basketball	Dec. 5 - 9
Bowling (HS Only)	Dec. 5 - 9
Swimming	Dec. 5 - 9
Wrestling	Dec. 5 - 9
Baseball (HS Only)	April 3-7
Softball	April 3-7
Lacrosse (HS Only)	April 3-7
Boys Tennis	April 3-7
Track	April 3-7
Boys Volleyball (HS Only)	April 3-7

\*\*Students not meeting the payment period deadline date as scheduled above will be denied participation in the interscholastic athletic program. All questions regarding the Pay to Participate Plan may be directed to the Athletic Offices (398-2513) of each building.

At the completion of all team rosters, students will be responsible for the assigned participation fee on the scheduled dates above. Fees are payable as listed below.

**High School Main Office:** Annette Wood, Administrative Assistant  
Visa/Mastercard/Discover or check made payable to Mason City Schools

**\*Please include Student ID # on the check before sending in\***

**Middle School Red Dot Office:** Michelle Lienemann, Administrative Assistant  
Visa/Mastercard only or check made payable to Mason City Schools.

**\*Please include Student ID # on the check before sending in\***

Credit card payments cannot be accepted over the phone. Payments can be made online at [www.spsezpaymason.com](http://www.spsezpaymason.com).

**High School and Middle School Fees must be paid separately in each building.**

Students not meeting payment deadlines will be denied participation in the interscholastic athletic program.

Refunds will not be given after the payment deadline date.

Additionally, refunds will not be given for the following reasons:

- A student quits an activity
- A student is dismissed from an activity
- A student becomes academically ineligible during the course of the activity

Special circumstances that prohibit an individual from participating will be reviewed by the athletic director for a possible refund on an individual basis.

No student, who desires to participate in an interscholastic activity and who follows the defined rules and regulations, shall be denied the opportunity to participate for financial reasons. In the case of financial hardship, a payment option may be arranged through the athletic administrator of the respective building. This request would be treated with the utmost confidentiality and serve as a request for financial assistance. All questions regarding the Pay to Participate Plan may be directed to the Athletic Office.