

FAIR HAVEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sports Participation Registration Fee Form

(\$125)

Student's Name : _____

Grade: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____

Activity/Sport/Club: _____

I understand that: *Refunds will only be granted if a student is deemed unable to play for medical reasons by a physician before the midpoint of the season. *Payment does not guarantee "play-time."

Parent Signature: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete this form and return it to the school with a check payable to the Fair Haven Board of Education (\$125 per student per sport for cross country, soccer, field hockey, basketball, softball, baseball and track and field.) If your child qualifies for free or reduced lunch, based on financial hardship using the New Jersey eligibility standards established for free and reduced price meals, then only the Sports Registration Fee form must be returned.

Sports Participation Fee Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Will we continue to see pay-to-participate each school year?

Answer: Since the State has capped the amount that a school budget is permitted to increase from one year to the next, pay-to-participate is probably here to stay. Each year, the Fair Haven Board of Education and administration work very hard to develop a budget that maintains programs. The school budget process is likely going to become more challenging in the years to come.

Question: What are the fees for participation?

Answer: The non-refundable fee for cross country, soccer, field hockey, softball, baseball, basketball and track and field is \$125. There are no discounts for multiple children or for children who play multiple sports, however, no family will be required to pay more than \$450. Any child, who qualifies for free or reduced lunch, based on financial hardship, using the New Jersey eligibility standards established for free and reduced price meals, will not be required to pay.

Question: How are the fees collected?

Answer: If a child makes an athletic team, he/she will remit a Sports Participation Registration fee form along with a check for the assessed fee for that sport. Checks should be made payable to the Fair Haven Board of Education. If the form and payment are not received within 5 school days of the roster being announced, the student will be removed from the activity until payment is received.

Question: What will happen if the parents do not pay?

Answer: If parents do not pay the participation fee by the due date, the student will not be permitted to participate in the sport. The Board of Education understands, however, that some families may be unable to pay some or all of the participation fee due to financial hardship. In cases like this, we strongly advise parents to contact Mrs. Romano who will review the individual situation and make an appropriate determination. All matters will be kept confidential. Likewise, if your child qualifies for free or reduced lunch based on financial hardship using the New Jersey eligibility standards established for free and reduced price meals, he/she will not have to pay.

Question: How will the funds collected from the students be used?

Answer: The funds will be used to offset the cost of the district's athletic program including stipends, referees, league entry fees, uniforms, and equipment.

Question: What is the coach's involvement in the collection of fees?

Answer: There will be a conscious effort to limit the involvement of the coaches in the collection of the fees. It is the coach's responsibility to ensure that every student who makes an athletic team receives a Sports Participation Activity Registration Fee form. The Registration Forms will also be available for download from the district's website.

Question: Why is the district not collecting a Participation Fee for the tennis team and the running club?

Answer: We have always considered both tennis and running to be "club" offerings as opposed to one of our athletic offerings. Our tennis team and running club do not participate in a league and do not require uniforms. For these reasons, we will not be assessing a fee for tennis or the running club for this school year.