# Montabella Community Schools

# Athletic Participation Fee Guidelines and Procedures

Due to financial conditions, the Montabella Community Schools Board of Education has instituted a fee for participation in interscholastic sports. The fee will generate money to help supplement the athletic budget by offsetting the costs associated with operating our sports program.

The fee for participation is set as follows:

 $\begin{array}{ccc} & \underline{H.S. \ Athletes} & \underline{M.S. \ Athletes} \\ \text{Per sport} & \$50 & \$25 \end{array}$ 

Maximum family cost of \$200 per family per year.

The participation fee in no way guarantees the participant playing time in any contest, nor does it guarantee the participant or his/her parent(s) control over any conditions of the team or Athletic Department.

### **Payment**

A deadline for payment will be established for each of the athletic seasons. Athletes will not be able to participate in any competitions until payment has been received. Payment may be made at the time of uniform distribution or payments may be mailed to:

Montabella Community Schools P.O. Box 349 Edmore, MI 48829

Or, they may be dropped off at the Montabella Community Schools office. Checks are to be made out to Montabella Community Schools. If paying with check, please include student's name and sport participating in.

#### **Refund Guidelines**

Refunds will not be made for any reason. For example, refunds will not be made to students who:

- 1. Drop out of a sport before the season has ended.
- 2. Are suspended from a sport because of a rule violation.
- 3. Become academically ineligible.
- 4. Are injured and unable to compete.
- 5. Move out of the district.

# **Economic Help**

While the district feels the necessity to cut costs in order to stay financially healthy, it is not the intention of the Board of Education to create a barrier for students to participate in athletics if the sports fee proves to be a true financial hardship. Any student who wishes to participate, but is unable to because of finances, should complete the Sports Fee Waiver Form available from the school offices or the athletic director. The guidelines for determining that a student will have the participation fee waived, will be determined by guidelines similar to those of the district's free and reduced lunch program. Anyone in need of a waiver must have the form submitted ONE WEEK before the first game.

Any questions regarding these guidelines and procedures may be directed to the Central Office, or the Athletic Director's office.

I have read and understand the Athletic Participation Fee Guidelines and Procedures

Student Athlete \_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_\_

Printed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Sport(s) Participating In: