

PARTICIPATION FEE

Starting with the 2018 -19 school year, the fee is \$100 per participant for the first sport in which the student participates, and then \$ 75 for each additional sport of participation within the same school year. There is no longer a discount for families with multiple children participating in athletics and/or activities within the same school year.

Information regarding the "Pay to Participate Fee" will be provided to parents from the head coach of that respective sport and also available on the school district website.

Students will be given the option to pay the registration fee in full or participate in fundraising opportunities if provided by the District and/or the individual sport.

The head coach of each sport or activity will collect the fees. For athletics, **the fee must be paid prior to the first competition** (scrimmage or game) for the athlete to be allowed to participate. Cheerleading payment will be required by the first official PIAA Fall scrimmage date. Payment can be made via check or money order (*no cash*) and made payable to the "Hempfield Area School District." Please be sure to have parents/guardian to write on the memo part of the check or money order the name, grade and sport/activity for each student they are enrolling. Please note that all funds collected will be used for district-wide operations, which will subsequently benefit the ability to maintain successful athletic programs.

Students who voluntarily quit a team will not be refunded the registration fee. The fee may be applied toward participation in another interscholastic athletic activity during the same school year, if the student wishes to participate.

If a coach "cuts" a student athlete from the team prior to the first contest, a full refund of the participation fee will be provided only if the student directly paid for the participation fee. If the participation fee was paid through fundraising opportunities, no refund will be given. Students may request a refund through the Athletic Office. The Athletic Office will request the refund reimbursement to the Business Office. If a coach removes a student from the team for just cause during the course of the season, no refund of the registration fee will be provided.

Students eligible for the free or reduced lunch program may request a waiver from paying the Participation Fee. The parent or student simply needs to inform their coach of their eligibility for the free or reduced lunch program. The eligibility will be confirmed and the waiver granted.

The district has also set up an appeal process for unforeseen or emergency situations where a family feels that they cannot pay the participation fee. Appeals should be submitted in writing to the Athletic Director, Hempfield Area Athletic Office, 4345 Rt. 136, Greensburg, PA 15601. All appeals must be received no later than one week prior to the start of any sport's first PIAA allowed practice for that particular season.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact the Athletic Department at 724-850-2079.

**District Sport or Activity
Participation Fee Payment Form**

Student's Name and Grade Level

District Sport or Activity

Parent/Guardian Name

Check No. and Date

_____ Enclosed is a check or money order made payable to the "Hempfield Area School District" in the amount of \$100 (1st sport participating in). Please be sure to write the student's name, grade, and district sport or activity on the check for each student you are enrolling.

_____ Enclosed is a check or money order made payable to the "Hempfield Area School District" in the amount of \$75 (2nd sport participating in). Please be sure to write the student's name, grade, and district sport or activity on the check for each student you are enrolling.

_____ Enclosed is a check or money order made payable to the "Hempfield Area School District" in the amount of \$75 (3rd sport participating in). Please be sure to write the student's name, grade, and district sport or activity on the check for each student you are enrolling.

_____ I am claiming exemption from the participation fee. The school district will confirm Eligibility and the waiver granted.

_____ (other district sport or activity)

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Greg Meisner, Athletic Director
Hempfield Area Athletic Office
4345 Route 136
Greensburg, PA 15601