

2020-2021 Norton City Schools Participation Fee Guidelines

(Please read all information carefully)

The Norton City Schools' Board of Education instituted a participation fee effective August 1, 2018 for athletics, clubs and co-curricular activities in grades 5-12 that are supported by stipends for the sponsor. This information sheet provides details for the entire district.

The purpose of this fee is to offset the expenses the BOE incurs while providing comprehensive athletic programs, clubs and co-curricular activities.

Please make check or money order payable to Norton City Schools (*note student name on Memo*).

Please note: there is no payment plan or scholarship assistance available.

1. The following activities listed on Page 2 of this document will require a fee of \$100, \$50 or \$25. Please note: There is a \$350 maximum per family.
 - It is the family's responsibility to notify the district when the family maximum has been reached.
 - Please also know that those families on free and reduced lunch are not exempt from participation fees.
 - If a check is returned for non-sufficient funds (NSF), the participant will be removed from the activity and will not be permitted to rejoin until a cash payment is made that covers the expense of the activity, as well as any fees charged by the bank for processing the NSF check.
2. All participation fees can be paid in three (3) ways:
 - In person with Registration Form, check or cash to Norton City Schools Central Office located at 4128 Cleveland-Massillon Road.
 - In person with Registration Form, check or cash at Sports Parent Meeting.
 - Mail Registration Form and Payment to:

Norton City Schools
4128 Cleveland-Massillon Road
Norton, OH 44203
Attention: Stephanie Hagenbush/Participation Fee

3. The fees must be paid in full by 3:30 p.m. on the following dates:

Fall Sports:	First Day of School – Tuesday, August 24, 2020
Marching Band:	First Day of School – Tuesday, August 24, 2020
Fall Clubs:	First Official Organized Meeting
Winter Sports:	Friday, November 20, 2020
Winter Clubs:	First Official Organized Meeting
Spring Sports:	Friday, March 26, 2021
Spring Clubs:	First Official Organized Meeting

4. The Pay to Participate Fee DOES NOT guarantee any student playing time.

5. Fees are non-refundable with the following exceptions:
 - a. A sport or activity is cancelled due to insufficient numbers.
 - b. Student does not make the team.
 - c. If a student suffers a season ending injury prior to the first game (doctor's verification required).
 - d. If an athlete is permitted to go out for a sport after the starting date, fee payments will be accepted after the start date, but before the individual can begin practice.
 - e. Student moves out of the district prior to the first game.
 - f. If the student becomes academically ineligible before the first mandatory practice set by the OHSAA.
 - g. A student who is academically ineligible to begin the season, but plans on practicing with the team with the anticipation of becoming eligible prior to the season ending, still must pay the participation fee. If the athlete does not gain eligibility at any point during the season, the fee will be refunded.

6. No refunds will be issued after the season or activity starts (first mandatory OHSAA practice dates).

7. Activity will be offered only when qualified coaches and advisors are available and hired by BOE.

8. If the minimum number designated for a particular sport or activity is not reached by the deadline dates, that particular activity will be cancelled.

9. If you have any questions, please contact Central Office at 330-825-2114.

\$100 Fee

HS Football
HS Volleyball
HS Soccer
HS Tennis
HS Cross Country
HS Golf
HS Cheerleading (Fall)
HS Cheerleading (Winter)
HS Wrestling
HS Track
HS Bowling
HS Baseball
HS Softball
HS Marching Band/Colorguard
HS Basketball

\$50 Fee

MS Football
MS Volleyball
MS Cross Country
MS Cheerleading (Fall)
MS Cheerleading (Winter)
MS Basketball
MS Track
MS Wrestling

\$25 Fee

MS Drama Club
HS/MS Academic Challenge
MS/HS Ski Club
HS Speech/Debate/Forensics
HS Spanish/French Club
HS Art Club
HS Winter Guard (Winter)
HS Drumline (Winter)
HS Drama Club

Norton City Schools' Participation Fee Registration Form

This form must be returned with cash, check, money order payable to Norton City Schools.

Method of Payment

Date: _____ Check# or Money Order: _____ Cash _____ Amount: _____

Fee: \$100 for HS Sports, \$50 for MS Sports and \$25 for Clubs and Co-Curricular Activities
\$350 Family Cap per year

Form should be completed for each student. Additional forms available online or at school.

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Club/Sport/Activity _____

Parents: Please read and sign below

I have read the guidelines as set forth by the Norton City Schools' Board of Education regarding the rules and regulations of the Norton Participation Fee Program. I agree to abide by these regulations and to allow my son/daughter to participate in this program.

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

PARENT NAME (please print) _____

***Norton City School District
Participation Fee Refund Request Form***

Date of request: _____ Date received: _____

Name of student applicant: _____

Name of parent or guardian: _____

Name of activity in which you wish to receive a refund: _____

Reason for refund request:

____ Program cancelled Date cancelled: _____

____ Moved from district Date withdrawn from school: _____

____ Injured Date of injury: _____ *(doctor's excuse required)*

____ Quit team Date quit the team: _____

____ Other

The information offered above is to the best of my ability current, accurate and correct. Once approved, refunds will be submitted to the treasurer's office for payment. An attempt will be made to process and issue the refund within a 30-day time period.

Signature of parent/guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

**Please note that this application does not guarantee that a refund will be authorized.*

Send payment to:

Administrative Use Only

Name: _____ Approved By _____

Address: _____ Denied by _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Reason for Denial: _____