

Pay to Participate Information SHS & SIS Sports, Performing Arts & Co-Curricular Activities

Shelton Public Schools Pay to Participate Athletics, Performing Arts & Co-curricular Activities 2018-2019 Fees

Frequently Asked Questions

1) How much is payment?

- The **2018-2019** fees are as follows:

- **Category 1 – SHS Sports with officials (\$300):**
 - Football, soccer, swimming, volleyball, basketball, field hockey, wrestling, baseball, lacrosse, softball
- **Category 2 – SHS Sports without officials (\$225):**
 - Cross country, indoor track, golf, tennis, outdoor track & field, cheerleading
- **Category 3 – Performing Arts & Co-Curricular Activities with a paid adviser (\$100):**
 - SHS Band, SHS Color Guard, SHS Robotics Club, SHS Drama Club (Spring Musical Leads), SIS Jazz Band
- **Category 4 – SIS Sports with officials (\$250)**
 - Volleyball, basketball, baseball, softball
- **Category 5 – SIS Sports without officials (\$175)**
 - Cross Country, outdoor track & field, cheerleading

- Students receiving free meals shall be charged 50% of the regular fee. Students receiving reduced meals shall be charged 75% of the regular fee.

2) Is there a maximum limit to the amount a family can be charged?

-There is a **\$600 family cap** which includes any and all fees related to participation including activities, sports, and Intermediate School sports. The family cap for students receiving free meals is \$300 and the family cap for students eligible receiving reduced meals is \$450. No family will be asked to pay more than \$600 per year for any combination of sports or activities.

3) Are all sports and activities charged the same amount?

-No, sports and activities are differentiated between **those which require officials and paid advisors** and those that do not. The cost for each sport and activity varies somewhat due to the number of participants, number of contests, distance traveled, equipment needed, number of officials, number of coaches and advisors on staff, etc. It would be prohibitive to attempt to base the participation rate on each individual sport or activity. These fees are determined by the overall operational cost of coach and advisor salaries, officials, and custodial overtime needed to operate the entire program.

4) When is payment due?

-Payment for participation will be due **after tryouts** are completed and before the first contest*. No uniform will be issued until payment is made. **An exception for uniforms will be made for the fall season, 2018.** Payment must be made online with a credit card (fees apply) or by **bank check or money order, no personal checks or cash will be accepted.** Payment will be made online via the parent portal** or directly to Shelton Public Schools **Central Office** Accounts Payable Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Bank checks must be made out to: **Shelton Board of Education. Credit card payments are only accepted online via the parent portal.**

***For the 2018/19 fall season, payments will be due by October 1, 2018.**

****To create a parent portal account, please contact your school office for an appointment. You must appear in person with a picture ID.**

Payment Schedule

Fall Sports / Activities payment time period:

September 7, 2018 – October 1, 2018

Winter Sports / Activities payment time period:

December 3, 2018 – December 14, 2018

Spring Sports / Activities payment time period:

March 14, 2018 – March 28, 2019

5) Is there a waiver or payment plan available for families who cannot afford payment?

Parents are eligible to apply for a payment plan based on hardship. There are no payment waivers available. Students receiving free or reduced meals will be charged 50% or 75%, respectively, of the regular fees. Forms requesting a payment plan are available on the SHS Athletic, High School, and School District websites. There is a 3-business day processing time period. Completed forms may be filed at any time during the year by emailing accountspayable@sheltonpublicschools.org. Parents may direct questions regarding payment plans to Accounts Payable, 203-924-1023, x309.

6) Are refunds available if athlete is “cut” from team?

-There are no refunds after the first contest or for any athlete who is declared academically ineligible or anyone who is dismissed from the team or club, for disciplinary reasons. Partial refunds may be available on a pro-rated basis for any athlete who is subjected to a “season ending” injury during the athletic season. Any refunded amount will be based on the fees paid. All refunds will be handled through the Central Office administration.

7) Is there a guarantee for a minimum amount of playing time in contests?

- Interscholastic sports are of a competitive nature and the coaches have full discretion about which athletes play and how often. Payment **does not guarantee** any minimum amount of playing or practice time.

8) Will Team Managers be required to pay the fees?

-No, team managers are a critical volunteer component to the operation of the team and we are grateful for the service that they provide. They do not have to pay.

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