



2018-19 PAY TO PARTICIPATE INFORMATION

Rochester Community Schools (RCS) will continue to assess a fee to all 7th – 12th grade students participating in interscholastic athletics for the 2018-19 school year. **Fees are assessed on a “per athlete, per sport” basis.** (Fall and Winter Cheer count as two separate sports.)

The 2018-19 school year Pay to Participate Fees are as follows and are unchanged from last year:

HIGH SCHOOL: \$**195** per high school athlete for the 1st sport
 \$**135** per high school athlete for the 2nd sport
 \$ **80** per high school athlete for the 3rd sport

Maximum fee per HS student-athlete per year if participates in three sports: \$410

MIDDLE SCHOOL: \$**100** per middle school athlete for the 1st sport
 \$**100** per middle school athlete for the 2nd sport
 \$ **55** per middle school athlete for the 3rd sport
 No charge per middle school athlete for the 4th sport

Maximum fee per MS student-athlete per year if participates in four sports: \$255

PAYMENT: Payment for high school and middle school sports will be due following team tryouts. Fees can be paid online or with a check payable to Rochester Community Schools. The online receipt or check must be accompanied by the Pay to Participate Contract (available online at www.rochester.k12.mi.us under the Athletics tab), which the student will receive the first week of tryouts/practice. **A student may not practice or participate in a scrimmage or contest until the fee and completed contract have been received by the coach or athletic director.**

To pay the fee online, follow the link on the District website under the Athletics tab:
<https://www.digitalsignup.com/Home.aspx?SoftwareId=IASzLQ5ta2oU9YVXx08a3Q==>
Please note that this online payment system is new as of December 2017, so each household must establish a profile (with the head of household member listed first) before registering for a sport. Questions? Please contact Amy Ritt, Athletics secretary, at (248) 726-3138.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP: A reduction in the Pay to Participate fee for athletics will be available to students with financial hardship. Participants in the RCS Free or Reduced Lunch Program qualify for this reduction, and this information will be kept confidential.

Student-athletes who qualify for the **Free Lunch Program** do not pay a fee their participation in athletics for the 2018-19 school year. Those who qualify for the **Reduced Lunch Program** pay 25% of the Pay to Participate fee.

To receive reduced fees for athletics, students who qualify for and complete a Free/Reduced Lunch Program Form must also complete a Consent to Share Form. These forms are available on the district website, at each high school and middle school main office, and at the RCS Foodservice Department. Send completed forms to Chartwells, Rochester Community Schools Foodservice, 1402 W. Hamlin, Rochester Hills, MI 48309, or call Sylvia Brown at (248) 726-4602.

REFUNDS: There will be **no refunds** of the participation fee unless the student-athlete suffers a season-ending injury before the midpoint of the season that precludes them from participating in half of the regularly scheduled contests. A medical authorization letter from a physician must accompany

any such request. Requests for refunds must be made to the building athletic director before the midpoint of the season.

PLAYING TIME: The participation fee in no way guarantees contest playing time for an athlete.

MHSAA: Student-athletes are required to meet all obligations of the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA), the Rochester Community Schools Student Handbook, and the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct.

TEAM ROSTER MINIMUM: A minimum number of team participants will be necessary for each sport team, or the respective team may be discontinued.

CONTEST ADMISSION FOR HIGH SCHOOLS STUDENTS (“A” PASS): RCS Athletics is proud to present the “A” (**Athletic**) Pass, which can be purchased for **\$60** during high school registration. High schoolers who buy an “A” Pass will be given a code card to show the photographer before having their Student ID photo taken, and their ID will then be printed with a large capital letter “A” that will allow that student to be admitted to all home athletic contests at Adams, Rochester, and Stoney Creek high schools for 2018-19. Students cannot use their “A” pass for OAA and MHSAA tournaments, at the Onyx Ice Arena, or at Oakland University.

CONTEST GENERAL ADMISSION: Admission prices to high school athletic events for 2018-19 will be **\$5** for **adults and students**, and **free** for **children age 10 and under** who are accompanied by an adult.

“ECONO” TICKETS: These will be available for purchase at the admission gates or high school athletic offices. The **Adult** ECONO ticket will cost **\$45** for **15** admissions, and the **Student** ECONO ticket will cost **\$40** for **20** admissions. ECONO tickets can be used at Adams, Rochester, or Stoney Creek home contests, but they are not valid for entry at league tournaments and MHSAA tournament play, at Onyx Ice Arena, or at Oakland University.

Participation in athletics contributes to students becoming well-rounded individuals and offers increased opportunities for students to be successful. Thank you for helping to keep interscholastic sports a part of our children’s education at RCS.