

August 12, 2019

Information Regarding Athletic Fees



All athletic fees are used to directly fund Masco's athletic programs

Why are students charged a fee to participate in Masco athletics? Why do the fees differ from sport to sport? What if a student's family cannot afford the fee to participate in a sport?

Masconomet has a proud athletics history and our teams and student-athletes strive to always represent Masco's values of excellence and sportsmanship. The athletics program is committed to the physical, emotional, social, and mental development of all who participate. To be eligible to participate in athletics at Masconomet Regional High School, students must meet the academic requirements of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) as well as Masconomet High School's standards for academics and student conduct. Masconomet High School offers a comprehensive program that includes 63 boys' and girls' teams at varsity and sub-varsity levels. During the 2018-2019 school year, 638 High School students participated in athletics. Masco athletic and co-curricular activities cost nearly \$920,000 to run in FY19. Participation fees continue to support a broad offering of sports and a high quality experience for our students in a manner that is cost effective to the Tri-Town Community.

student by sport. Even so, many sports fees have increased. The largest increases are seen in the sports that had the additional coaching added that was previously funded by booster groups.

Revenue from admission sales to ticketed sports, which include Football, Basketball, and Wrestling, is pooled and used to provide scholarships for those families who can not afford the user fee for their student athlete. Recognizing that families of these athletes are also paying fees, this year the School Committee has directed the school to give every student on a team playing in ticketed events one free game pass for home competitions.

As always, families may apply for fee scholarships by completing an application process publicized each season.

Other Changes to Athletic Programs

Another change made recently was to reassign team levels such that Masconomet now has two junior varsity levels - JV1 and JV2 - and of course, Varsity level. There will no longer be "Freshman" teams. This change was made in order to place students on appropriate teams based on ability rather than grade level and to encourage more students to participate in Masco's athletic programs. Along with this change, minimum participation requirements were changed so that they are no longer per sport, but instead they are per level per sport.

