

**Avon Lake City Schools
Athletic Department**

**2013-2014 Pay-To-Participate Fees
Information Bulletin (Learwood Middle School)**

A **Pay-To-Participate** fee structure for the Avon Lake City Schools Interscholastic Athletic Programs will be in effect for the 2013-2014 school year. This Information Bulletin will provide you with all the details for student athletes at both Avon Lake High School and Learwood Middle School.

Learwood Middle School Pay-To-Participate Fees

Each Learwood Middle School student athlete's Pay-To-Participate fee is \$150.00. If the student athlete participates in second or third sport there would be NO additional fee. Also, there is a \$200.00 cap per family at Learwood Middle School.

THE PAY-TO-PARTICIPATE FEES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN:

-FALL SPORTS - 8/21/13

-WINTER SPORTS – 11/1/13 (GBB), 12/2/13 (WR), 1/16/14 (BBB/CHEER)

-SPRING SPORTS – 4/1/14

IF PAYMENT IN FULL IS NOT RECEIVED BY THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEADLINES THE STUDENT ATHLETE CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN PRACTICES OR CONTESTS.

The Avon Lake City Schools Pay-To-Participate Registration Form must be completed and accompanied by a check* (make payable to Avon Lake City Schools-**NO CASH**), money order, or by debit/credit card (Visa and MasterCard only). **For Learwood Middle School student athletes;** please enclose the attached Registration Form and fee and give it to the Learwood Middle School Main Office Secretary no later than the above mentioned deadlines. The attached Registration Form and payment can also be mailed to:

For Learwood M.S. Athletes

Learwood Middle School
Pay-To-Participate Fee
340 Lear Road
Avon Lake, OH 44012

PERSONAL CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 1, 2014

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Special Information Items

- The payment of the Pay-To-Participate Fee does NOT guarantee any student athlete a certain amount of competition contest time (“playing time”).
- The Pay-To-Participate Fees are **non-refundable** with the following exceptions:
 - Sport is canceled due to insufficient numbers of student athletes.
 - Student does not make the team (“cut”).
 - If the student athlete becomes disabled **prior** to the first contest.
 - The student athlete moves/transfers out of the district **prior** to the first contest.
 - Student athlete is academically ineligible **prior** to first contest.
 - NO REFUNDS** will be issued after the first contest of each sport unless approved by the Director of Athletics.

Refunds must be requested in writing to the Director of Athletics (for high school student athletes) and Middle School Assistant Principal (for middle school student athletes) and the refund would only be issued by the above criteria. If a refund is requested it will take approximately 2-3 weeks for payment to be processed from the Board of Education once the written request has been made.

Financial Assistance

We encourage student athletes to plan ahead to obtain the funds needed for their Pay-To-Participate Fee. To assist families in need, Avon Lake City Schools have established a Scholarship Fund. It is our desire to not see any student athlete miss the opportunity to participate due to true financial need. Any student eligible for free lunch assistance automatically qualifies for a waiver of Pay-to-Participate fees. We ask that each family first obtain and complete the free and reduced lunch application from the high school main office, prior to requesting assistance from the Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Fund has been established to address special circumstances, and financial hardship for families that do not qualify for free or reduced lunch assistance.

All applications will be treated on an individual basis and kept in strict confidence. **Please note, that any application for assistance must be received at least two (2) weeks prior to the above stated deadlines for each season.**

Please feel free to contact the Avon Lake City Schools Athletic Office for details on financial assistance or if you should have any questions at (440) 933-5164.

Donations to the Avon Lake City Schools Pay-To-Participate Scholarship Fund will be accepted from businesses, organizations and individuals. Donations made to support individual programs will NOT be accepted. All donations will be used to support the ENTIRE district athletic program. Donations can be sent to:

Avon Lake City Schools
Pay-To-Participate Scholarship Fund
175 Avon Belden Road
Avon Lake, OH 44012