

MARK R. ISFELD SECONDARY SCHOOL

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RE: Athletics User Fee

Dear Athletes and Parents/Guardians,

2025-2026

On behalf of the athletic department at Mark R. Isfeld Secondary, thank you for participating on one or more of our athletic teams. It is our wish that you enjoy a challenging and rewarding season in your chosen sport(s).

As you may be aware, participation on a school team requires a commitment of time and energy as well as finances. Our school has made a solid contribution to support athletics in the form of TOG (Teacher-on-call) days for traveling coaches and additional funds for tournament entry fees. Furthermore, our PAC supports the purchase of <u>some</u> new uniforms each year. Despite this support, our athletic department is challenged to meet rising costs of uniforms, equipment and facility usage.

Therefore, students participating on athletics teams for the 2024/25 season are asked to pay an Athletics User Fee. Many schools in the province are opting for this option to better support their athletics. The cost of our Athletics User Fee is based on an ascending scale depending on the length of season and financial cost to the athletic program.

The following fees apply per student-athlete per sport.

- -Grade 8 and 9 Teams and all athletes in XCountry, Swimming, Track and Field, Ski/Snowboard, Golf, Ultimate and Mountain Biking- fee is \$25
- -All other Junior (grade 9/10) Teams fee is \$35
- -All other Senior (11/12) Teams fee is \$45

Funds collected from teams will go directly back into offsetting costs of running some many athletic teams and a quality athletic program. When compared with schools charging a similar fee, this is a low and reasonable amount. It is also very reasonable when compared to similar programs in the community. Is feld families can be supported financially through the main office. Please contact Brian McAskill directly.

When the team is up and running, you can expect to receive an email notification from Brittany Thibeault, our accounts secretary requesting payment for this athletics user fee. When you receive this notification, please make payment as soon as convenient for you. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school. Thank you for your support and all the best for a rewarding season in Ice Athletics.

Sincerely,

Brian McAskill

(Principal)

Colin Cunningham (Athletic Director)