

SOUTH HAGERSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Where Does the \$60 Athletic Activity Fee Go?

Supporting the Student-Athlete Experience

When your student makes a South Hagerstown High School athletic team, Washington County Public Schools requires a **\$60 Athletic Activity Fee per sport season**.

This fee is **not a payment to the coach** and is not a charge for playing time. The WCPSSAA Athletic Handbook states that the fee is used to **support the county and individual school athletic programs** and to **defray operational costs** of interscholastic athletics.

What Does the Fee Help Support?

Your athletic activity fee helps provide the infrastructure and resources necessary to operate a safe, organized, and competitive athletic program.



Equipment & Supplies

- Athletic equipment and team supplies
- Replacement and repair of equipment
- Necessary sport-specific materials
- Equipment and uniform management



Facilities & Game Operations

- Preparation and operation of athletic facilities
- Maintenance and repair needs related to athletic facilities and equipment
- Game-day operational needs
- Safe practice and competition environments



Transportation & Competition

- Athletic transportation for contests
- Travel associated with athletic competition
- County, district, regional, and state athletic events

Officials & Competition Expenses

- Costs associated with athletic officials
- Countywide tournament expenses
- Other operational expenses necessary to conduct athletic contests

Student-Athlete Safety & Support

- Resources supporting safe participation
- Athletic training and injury-prevention efforts
- Required safety and health-related athletic program operations

County & School Athletic Programs

- Expenses that support the overall WCPS athletic program
- Countywide athletic activities and tournaments
- Awards and recognition associated with athletic participation

Why Is There a Fee?

School athletics require significant resources beyond what families see on game day. The activity fee helps offset the **operational costs of providing interscholastic athletics** across Washington County.

The goal is to provide students with opportunities to participate in a **safe, equitable, educationally based athletic program**.

Important Information for Families

\$60 per sport season

- Students pay the fee **only after making a team**.
- The fee must be paid for the student to continue participating in practices, scrimmages, or contests.
- The handbook states that there are **no refunds after the first game or contest**.
- Fees are collected through the school and processed through the school fiscal system.

Your Fee Supports More Than One Team

Athletic activity fees help support both the **individual school athletic program and the countywide athletic program**. This allows WCPS to maintain a broad athletic program and provide opportunities for students across many different sports.

Thank you for supporting South Hagerstown High School Athletics and, most importantly, our student-athletes.

Source: 2025–2026 WCPSSAA High School Interscholastic Athletic Handbook, Athletic Activity Fee provisions, Appendix 9, p. 61; Article I, Athletic Activity Fee Eligibility, p. 39.