## **PAY-TO-PARTICIPATE**

## SEASON-ENDING INJURY REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Payment of some or all of pay-to-participate fees may be credited or refunded in the case of a season ending injury incurred to KMS/KHS athletes. The following guidelines must be strictly adhered to in order for credits or refunds to be made.

- 1)- Credits/refunds will be issued for season ending injuries incurred before the beginning of the game which marks the ½ way point of the regularly scheduled season. Once an athlete is healthy enough to participate in that game, credits/refunds will not be issued.
- 2)- Injury scenarios which occur and cause an athlete to miss the beginning or middle of a season, but allow athletes to complete the season and play in later games, will not be subject to credit/refunds since the athlete will have the benefit of receiving coaching and participating in team functions for the entire season.
- 3)-Season ending injuries must occur during school sponsored practice or game/scrimmage and must be verified by a doctor, in writing. Once an athlete is declared to have a season ending injury, that athlete will be ineligible to compete on the team for the remainder of the season.
- 4)- Athletes who quit a sport or are dismissed from the team by the coach, athletic director, or administrator due to a violation of the student conduct code will not be subject to reimbursement of pay to participate fees.
- 5)-If the season ending injury prevents the athlete from playing in any games, that sports' season shall not count as the athlete's "first sport" played. Once an athlete has participated in a game, that sport shall count as the "first sport" played for that school year, and any sports played after that point shall be counted as additional sports for the purpose of determining the amount of the pay to participate fees owed.
- 6)-For the purpose of determining the amount of the pay to participate payment to be reimbursed in the event of a season ending injury, the season will be determined to have started on the first possible day of practice for the varsity team (for high school sports) or the first possible day of practice for middle school sports. Any part of a week will be considered a full week, and length of seasons will be delineated by the number of weeks over which the season spanned.
- 7)-Credit/reimbursement of fees will be made by determining ratio of weeks that student lost due to season ending injury (ex- student was injured during game 2 of football season- student is deemed to have participated in 5 of 13 weeks- credit/reimbursement of remaining 8 of 13 weeks will be made).
- 8)-The middle school or high school athletic directors shall use their discretion to determine definitions of terms and totals of credits/reimbursements cases which occur and which are not clearly covered by this policy.

