



Team Fees and Payment Expectations and Options

2016 FRC Season



To be read and signed by Student and Parent/Legal Guardian

Each student on the Team will incur costs throughout the 2016 FRC season that will not be absorbed by Team sponsorship money, and must be paid by individual families. The following expectations will help guide families in choosing a payment option that suits their individual needs:

1. **Student Accounts** - Each student/family will receive an account through Grand Blanc Community Schools, where funds will be deposited, and Team-related expenses will be paid directly.
 1. Families should maintain an accurate record of their deposits and withdrawals, and running balance.
 2. Information regarding student/family account balances will remain private, and only available to the Team Treasurer, school liaison and Head Mentors. No person reserves the right to gain information regarding another Team Member's balance.
 3. Account balance requests may be made via e-mail to the Team's Head Mentors and Treasurer, and must be submitted 48 hours before the information is needed.
2. **Student Costs** – The costs to be absorbed by families during the regular 2016 FIRST Robotics season will be:
 1. Team Membership, Two District Competitions and the Michigan State Championship: \$325.00 per student
 - Includes Team uniform, hotel accommodations at two competitions, travel/transportation to all three events, dinner on the Saturday of the aforementioned three events, and Team banquet at the end of the year.
 2. Additional District Event (if available): To be Determined
 - Cost based on the location of the event we are selected to attend, if available.
 3. FIRST Championship in Saint Louis, Missouri: To be Determined
 - Attendance at the FIRST Championship in St. Louis is NOT guaranteed, but should be highly anticipated.
 - The cost to attend the FIRST Championship varies greatly, based on the accommodations we are able to make, and will be announced as soon as it is available.
 - Cost will include travel, hotel, food, and possibly a “fun” activity for each student
 - A \$250.00 initial deposit will be due on Sunday, April 17, 2016, if the Team qualifies for the FIRST Championship.
 4. Costs for off-season events such as VEX, OCCRA, and other fall/summer events is not included in this amount.
 - Cost to participate in these programs will be determined individually, and announced as available.
3. **Making Payments and Payment Options** – Families are responsible for ensuring that payments for the correct amount are made in a timely matter. It is not the responsibility of the Team to prompt families to make payments, or remind individuals of balance(s) due.
 1. Payment Methods: Payments should be submitted in an envelope, and accompanied by a completed payment slip (attached), and may be made by one of the following methods:
 - Via check or money order, made payable to *Grand Blanc Community Schools*, and must indicate the student's name in the memo section of the check, along with the phrase, “Team Fees, Account 67”.
 - Paid directly from individual student/family accounts, if funds are available.
 - Cash will NOT be accepted.
 2. Fees will be moved from student accounts into the Team's general fund as a lump-sum transfer.
 3. Funds for the complete Team fees must available before funds may be used for optional expenses.
 4. **All Team fees are non-refundable.** Grand Blanc Community Schools does not permit the return or reimbursement of funds that have been deposited into an individual/family account, even if a student is no longer a member of the Team.
 5. Receipts will be issued for all payments.
 6. Payment Options: To assist families in budgeting for these fees, there are two available payment options:
 - *Payment Option One:* One payment of \$325.00 due on Monday, January 4, 2016.
 - *Payment Option Two:* Installment payment plan, with: \$100.00 due on January 4, 2016; and \$100.00 due on February 1, 2016; and the remaining balance due on March 1, 2016.
4. **Past Due Balances** –
 1. Students who have not made at least one complete payment (either paid in full, or committed to the payment plan and paid at least \$100.00) on or before January 4, 2016 will forfeit their membership on the Team.
 2. Students with a past-due second payment balance(s) on February 1, 2016 must pay their past due balance in full by February 2, 2016 or will forfeit membership on the Team.
 3. Students with past due remaining balance(s) after March 2, 2016 will not be permitted to attend Team Meetings or be excused from school for Team Events until the balance has been paid in full. Membership will be forfeited if account balance is not paid in full on or before March 3, 2016.

I have read the Payment Expectations and Options of the Grand Blanc High School Robotics Team, and I understand that failure to comply with this document can result in my dismissal from the Grand Blanc High School Robotics Team.

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