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**To:** ASAA Member Schools

**From:** ASAA Executive Committee

**Re:** ASAA Membership Fees 2020/21 and 2021/22

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On September 29, 2020, the ASAA Executive issued a memo to answer the many questions that were being received regarding membership fees due in 2021/21. [Here](#) is a link to that memo.

In that memo schools that were having some difficulty paying their membership fees in the usual timeline were given a number of options which included paying 50% of their fees in November, 2020 and the rest over one to two years. Some schools chose to follow this delayed payment schedule. At the time, the ASAA Executive Committee noted that it may consider a rebate on fees if there is a surplus in 2020/21. The Executive does anticipate a surplus this year, but the exact amount of the surplus will not be known until the fall of 2021 when the annual ASAA financial audit is conducted. The Executive has decided that any surplus funds from 2020/21 will be rebated back to member schools towards 2021/22 as a discount on their fees.

In the September 29, 2020 memo, the question of what happens if a school does not pay its membership fees this year was addressed. At the time, due to the uncertainty of school year 2020/21, the answer was simply “we don’t know”. Also at that time, the ASAA had not yet struck a committee to address postponements and cancellations of seasons and championships, but this occurred in November and a protocol was laid out for the school year. Subsequently many memos have gone out to schools with various updates and the Executive feels it is now in a position to address outstanding membership fees.

**Access to school athletic competition in 2021/22**

The Executive has determined that in order for a school to have access to participating in any interschool athletic competition in 2021/22, schools that have not paid their membership fees for 2020/21 will be required to confirm with the ASAA office that they will pay their outstanding





fees from 2020/21 and that they will commit to paying those fees in addition to their 2021/22 membership fees. As per ASAA Bylaw Article II.3: “...If any member is in arrears of annual fees or assessments for any year, such a member shall be automatically suspended and thereafter be entitled to no membership privileges until reinstated by the Executive Committee.”

**Access to membership fee rebate:**

The ASAA Executive has decided that in order to access any membership fee rebate, any school that has not yet paid its membership fee for 2020/21 will have until August 31, 2021 to pay 50% of their 2020/21 fee. Payment plans would then need to follow one of the options<sup>1</sup> presented on September 29, 2020 for the remainder. Any school not meeting this requirement will not receive a rebate, and will still be responsible to pay their membership fees for both 2020/21 and 2021/22 in full in order to be able to participate in any interschool athletic competition.

The Executive Committee wants the membership to understand that the ASAA staff members have been working tirelessly since the COVID-19 pandemic was declared in March 2020 dealing with the countless Covid related and other matters. The workload has been greater than a normal year and membership fee payment is an important component of being able to keep staff in place to assist member schools, especially as we prepare to hit the ground running as best we can when life returns to normal.

The Executive Committee thanks those many administrators, Athletic Directors and coaches who have shown an ongoing willingness to do what it takes to be ready to get their students active again. All of us believe that school sport is critical to the health and wellbeing of student athletes, and that the sooner we are back to normal, the better.

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- <sup>1</sup> 50% payable by November 15 (normally October 15) to their zone (now extended to Aug 31, 2021)
    - Remaining 50% for 2020/21 to be paid in one of three ways:
      - Option 1: Pay the remaining 50% by June 30, 2021; or,
      - Option 2: Pay remaining 50% of 2020/21 fees in addition to the 2021/22 fees on Oct 15, 2021; or,
      - Option 3:
        - Pay 25% of 2020/21 fees in addition to 100% of 2021/22 fees on Oct 15, 2021 and
        - Pay last 25% of 2020/21 fees in addition to 100% of 2022/23 fees on Oct 15, 2022

