

CENTRAL GWINNETT HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION FEE

A system is needed to ensure all athletes involved in the Central Gwinnett High School (CGHS) football program have the basic necessities to compete at a standard level. The CGHS football program has been relying on fundraising by the Black Knight Touchdown Club (BKTC) to help provide equipment, meals, transportation and other program related items that are not provided by CGHS or the county. In order to fairly distribute the burden of fielding a skilled and well run football team a Participation Fee of **\$150** has been instituted. Until this point, CGHS' football program was one of a few football programs that did not have such a fee. Below are the guidelines for the participation fee:

1. The fee will assure that resources are received from each family of a participating athlete. The fee would include the cost of game day meals, equipment beyond what is provided by school district, etc.
2. Collection of the participation fee and touchdown membership will begin February 1 of each year (allow monthly payments if necessary). Participation fee should be paid in full by June 30th.
3. As a benefit to parents, the participation fee will count toward membership in the BKTC. The difference of \$150 or \$350 would need to be paid in addition to the participation fee to be a member at the \$300 (White Knight Booster) or \$500 (Black Knight Booster) membership level in the BKTC. Payment of participation fee alone does not count as membership in the Touchdown Club.
4. Parents have the option of paying the participation fee and TD Club membership several ways:
 - a. Personal check
 - b. Securing new ads for the football program
 - c. Selling new banners and/or securing game day sponsors
 - d. Securing a foursome for the golf tournament (covers full participation fee). \$75 of fee for securing two golfers. Securing a hole sponsor covers entire fee. Securing a "Black Knight" sponsor covers fee and membership in the BKTC at the \$300 level.
 - e. 50% of funds raised by players for the lift-a-thon counts toward participation fee.
 - f. Any combination above