Why it's not free anymore.

1. The main reason is we have outgrown the server I had on the goDaddy website I was using. We were getting too many people on at the same time and the risk of crashing the server and losing all the data was too great, to keep it going we are going to have to pay for it now.
2. I got a server and am running it locally now.
   a. Advantages
      i. I can adjust how many servers we have and monitor the number of people on it.
      ii. The server should not crash because we now have a server dedicated to the coaches only, and 4 servers serving the public, we can handle 5 times as many people.
      iii. We can grow and improve as needed.
   b. Disadvantages.
      i. It's not free any more, average server cost is $8000.00.
      ii. Incurring other expenses.
         1. Internet
         2. Electricity
         3. Licensing
         4. Battery backups,
         5. Networking Costs.
         6. Maintenance.
         7. Pay for programming for improvements I can't write.
3. Need to update and improve.
   a. The old server and website was doing all it could.
   b. In order to make the improvements a lot of people wanted we had to update.
   c. I want to do this right and make it something worthwhile that benefits everyone.
4. Ways to help pay for this website.
   a. I know athletic budgets are extremely tight and I am charging just enough to pay the bills we are not trying to make money.
   b. Ways to pay for this service.
      i. Athletic Departments or Booster Clubs.
      ii. Parents could pay the $3.00 fee when they come out.
      iii. I have added a Tournament sponsor on the tournament setup page, so you can use the website to raise funds for your team.
         1. You can charge whatever you can get for your tournament, if you can get $50 or $100 from a local business to advertise on the site you can keep all that money to buy hats, shirts, balls, practice rounds whatever. If you host 2 or 3 tournaments that gives you 2 or 3 opportunities to raise extra funds. Varsity, JV, League, Regional, State you can advertise on any of them.

2. Sponsors show up in three places.
     a. On a scroll on the home page.
     b. On the leaderboard for your tournament.
     c. On each scorecard.
5. Improvements made this summer.
     a. Everything is editable, team name, player names, grades, date, tournament names etc.
     b. Added Adjusted Score
          i. Will be used to compare scores from different courses across the state for All-State honors that the Kansas Coaches Association would like to start giving each year.
     c. Server is actually running 5 servers, one for coaches only, and 4 for the public so we can handle more people.
     d. Added Team Abbreviations for live leaderboard and score cards to make it easier to read.
     e. Improved scorecards.
6. I am not going to send out invoices so the only way I can monitor who has paid is to enter your payment into the system. We had it programmed so that if your school has not paid your players and team will not show up in the team or individual rankings. Once your payment has been entered you players will show up, that is the only way we could figure out to monitor it.