



Buchholz Boys Lacrosse Parent/Player FAQ 2027 season

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What equipment do I need to provide?

Your player will need chest pads, gloves, elbow pads, cleats, an athletic cup, mouth guard, and a lacrosse stick. The team provides two uniforms and one helmet (JV) or two helmets (Varsity) for the season. These must be returned in good condition at the end of the season.

What forms will my player need to participate?

You will need [EL2](#) and [EL3](#) forms completed and submitted to [Florida High School Athletic Clearance](#) BEFORE tryouts begin on January 19, 2027. A health care provider must complete the EL2 form.

NEW FOR THIS SEASON: Incoming 9th-graders and grades 10–12 playing a sport for the first time must pass an ECG/EKG screening during the 2026–2027 school year.

These forms can be completed and submitted anytime before the season starts. But...

Please do not wait until the last minute to submit the forms. The coach and athletic director must clear these forms for your son to play. A last-minute rush may mean your son's form isn't approved promptly, and he may miss practices.

When and where are practices?

Practice is from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM daily at Buchholz High School. There is no practice on game days.

How do I get my son to games?

Families are responsible for getting their player to home games and away games *inside* Alachua County. Bus transportation is provided for games *outside* the county. We encourage parents to attend all games. Feel free to coordinate carpooling with other families.

This is the [Spring 2027 Schedule](#).

Will my player have to miss school?

He may miss the last period of the school day for away games when the team is taking the bus. We will share bus departure times at the Meet the Team dinner on January 25, 2027. The school will also be aware of these times, and your player will receive an early dismissal on those days.

What does my player do with his equipment when the team has to leave early?

Several teachers at Buchholz are very accommodating about leaving equipment in their classrooms. He can also ask an older player who drives if they can leave their equipment in their car the morning of the bus trip.

Do I have to send snacks and dinner with my player for the bus trips?

The booster club arranges for a sandwich, fruit, one bottle of water, and one bottle of Gatorade on the bus ride to games. We provide pizza and snacks for the ride home. Your player should bring extra fluids for during the game and additional food if necessary.

What does this cost?

As you can imagine, providing a great experience for our players comes with significant costs. The total expense to operate both teams is more than \$54,000, with uniforms and transportation alone costing over \$18,000.

The school provides only \$1,250, leaving a substantial gap to cover. To help make the season possible, we ask each JV and Varsity player's family to help raise or contribute \$1,000 per player.

We've made this as flexible as possible, and there are several ways your family can reach that goal:

1. Selling vinyl field banners and premium [sponsorships](#).
2. Asking friends and family to donate through our Vertical Raise email and social media campaign.
3. Make a personal payment for your son's share.

Example: Your son sells a premium sponsorship for \$500. Then, his friends and family donate to the vertical raise campaign for a total of \$300. Your family pays the \$200 difference to meet the expected \$1000 contribution.

When is the family/player contribution due?

We ask families to have satisfied their \$1000 share by February 5, 2027.

How do I pay the balance of my player's fair share?

You can pay by credit card, Cash App, or Afterpay through this [Square payment link](#). The treasurer will invoice any outstanding shares by February 7. This invoice can be paid by credit card or bank EFT.

What other commitments will there be?

Players and parents are expected to uphold the team's code of conduct. For players, this means maintaining a 2.0 GPA, committing to the game and practice schedule, and behaving in a way that reflects well on the team. Parents are expected to help their player maintain these standards and set a good example of what it means to be the parent of a student athlete.

How can parents help Buchholz Lacrosse?

We are a volunteer organization and ask player families to join committees. We need help with:

Fundraising

- Investigating sponsorship and fundraising opportunities for the team

Special events

- Senior game night
- End-of-year banquet

Home field / Game days

- Running the time clock and scoreboard
- Recording penalties
- Announcing equipment set up and tear down
- Concessions

- Meeting the bus at school with food for away games

For the home field committee, you do not have to commit to being at every home game. *Just show up*, and we'll coach you with the rest.

How will I know about what's going on?

1. Join the Band app for updates. Because this is a private group, you'll need to [request access from the club secretary, McCall Griggs](#), for an invitation.
2. Subscribe to the team calendar on your Google or Apple device. You can ask McCall Griggs for the private link to subscribe.
3. Ensure buchholzlx@gmail.com is added to your safe sender list in your email inbox. The club also emails updates about upcoming events to keep everyone informed.