

Buchholz Boys Lacrosse Parent/Player FAQ 2025-2026 season

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What equipment do I need to provide?

Your player will need chest pads, gloves, elbow pads, cleats, athletic cup, mouth guard, and a lacrosse stick.

What forms will my player need to participate?

You will need to have <u>EL2</u> and <u>EL3</u> forms completed and submitted to <u>Florida High School</u> <u>Athletic Clearance</u> BEFORE tryouts begin on January 20, 2026. <u>A health care provider must complete the EL2 form.</u> These forms can be completed and submitted anytime before the season starts. But...

Please do not wait until the last minute to secure a physical exam for your player and 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 is not approved promptly, and he will miss practices.

When and where are practices?

Practice is from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM daily at Buchholz High School or the Boys and Girls Club near 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 any home or away game *inside* Alachua County. Bus transportation is provided for games outside the county. We encourage parents to attend home and away games. Feel free to coordinate carpooling with other families.

This is the Spring 2026 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. 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 food, snacks, and several bottles of water to and from the games. Your player should still bring extra fluids for during the game.

What does this cost?

Due to *very limited* financial support from the school district, every family is expected to contribute \$1,000 per player to support the team. There are three ways you can meet that obligation:

- 1. Selling instagram mentions, field banners, and premium sponsorships.
- Asking friends and family to donate through our Vertical Raise email and social media campaign.
- 3. Make payment for your son's share.

Example: Your son sells a premium sponsorship for \$500. Then, his friends and family donate to the team for a total of \$300. Your family owes a \$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 11, 2026.

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

You can pay by credit card, Cash App, or Afterpay through this <u>Square payment link</u>. 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

- Painting lines
- Running the time clock and scoreboard
- Recording stats and 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 <u>request</u> <u>access from the club secretary, McCall Griggs</u>, 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 <u>buchholzlax@gmail.com</u> is added to your safe sender's list in your email inbox. The club also emails updates about upcoming events to keep everyone informed.