



Chatfield Boys Lacrosse

PARENT GUIDE

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FUTURE PLAYERS CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

Anyone interested in playing lacrosse at Chatfield is strongly encouraged to fill out the **Future Players Contact Information Form**, which can be accessed from our website homepage (<https://chatfieldlacrosse.com/home>). This Google form captures information on the player and his parents for future communications. Once this information is submitted, it is added to our database: player contact information is added to GroupMe, and parent and player information is added to the email address book. If the player has not yet entered high school, he will not be added to mailing lists until the summer before his freshman year.

Once a future player is in our system, he does not need to fill out the form again; if you or your player's information changes, email info@chatfieldlacrosse.com with the new information.

BOOSTER CLUB

The Chatfield Boys Lacrosse Booster Club (CBLBC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation created to broaden the involvement of students, student families, the school and the community in the sport of lacrosse; to facilitate activity to raise funds to support the boys lacrosse programs at Chatfield Senior High School; and to organize volunteer support for program activities in coordination with the Chatfield Senior High School Athletic Department and coaching staff.

All parents are encouraged to join the Booster Club. Membership includes communications, player and parent events, access to game film, off-field activities, Spring Break trips, and other programs funded through Booster Club registration fees.

Meetings

The Booster Club holds two mandatory meetings for all players and parents: one in October and one in January. Additional Booster Club meetings are held at the discretion of the Board of Directors and are scheduled during the school year (see our calendar on our website, chatfieldlacrosse.com, for all scheduled meetings).

October Meeting (Mandatory)

During the October meeting, parents are introduced to the coaching staff and the sitting Booster Club Board members. If there are any vacancies to the Board, parents are asked to volunteer and are voted in at this meeting. The general timeline of the season, the coaches' expectations of the players (and parents), and important information for the rest of the year is provided at this meeting. Parents are also given information on the anticipated costs and fees for the year and fundraising expectations.

January Meeting (Mandatory)

The January meeting is the unofficial start to the spring season. The schedules are usually still in flux, but tryout dates and locations are announced. More detailed information on the upcoming season is relayed. Coaches speak directly to the boys about expectations and the start of the season.

Board Meetings

The CBLBC Board meets once a month from August through May and once during the summer. Board meeting minutes are available upon request.

COMMUNICATION

Player and parent emails and phone numbers are taken from the Future Player Contact Form and the Booster Club registration. If your or your player's information changes, email info@chatfieldlacrosse.com with the new information.

Website

Our website, chatfieldlacrosse.com, is the go-to source for all information regarding Chatfield Boys Lacrosse, including important dates, team rosters, and Coach/Booster Club contact information. In addition, our website contains online registration for the Booster Club, programs such as Fall League, Winter League, Spring Break Trip, and the Spring Season. To receive text alerts on game changes and other important news, sign up on the website.

GroupMe

Coaches exclusively use the group messaging service GroupMe to communicate with players.

When information from the Future Player Contact Form information is received, player cell phone numbers are added to the app. A link to the app is sent as soon as the number is added. Once players download the app, they will start seeing communications.

Make sure **notifications are allowed** from GroupMe; otherwise, you will miss messages. Note that GroupMe is a blind app, so actual phone numbers are never shared or revealed.

Emails

Parents and players will receive emails throughout the school year with important information. Parents are encouraged to read through the emails in their entirety—all of the information presented is important and timely. If you have any questions, please email info@chatfieldlacrosse.com and someone will respond to you as soon as they can (keep in mind all Board members are working parents like yourself and will receive/read emails as often as possible).

Social Media

Like and follow Chatfield Lacrosse on the following platforms/apps to receive updates, reminders, and photos.

- Instagram: chatfield_mlax
- Facebook: chatfieldboyslacrosse
- X: Chatfield_LAX

COST TO PLAY

Booster Club Fee

Annual costs for the program are paid by the Annual Player Fee (Booster Club Fee). These include, but are not limited to, business expenses (bank processing, supplies, website fees, insurance), scholarships, team photos, CHSAA fees, equipment, field/facility rental, game film/Scorebreak, team building events, and end-of-season banquet and yearbook. A complete list of items and the anticipated/budgeted amounts are given to all parents at the October Booster Club Meeting. The Annual Player/Booster Club Fee for 2024–25 is \$385; the increase in fees from previous years removes the requirement for mandatory fundraising. All fundraising is optional.

Other Lacrosse Fees

Some items and events planned throughout the year require fees that are not part of the Booster Club fee. These are collected directly from the player and then spent directly on that player. These include, but are not limited to, off-season leagues, tournament fees, helmet/player gear purchases, and spring break costs. These can be paid for in several different ways; see [How to Pay Fees](#).

Jeffco Athletics Fee

The fee to participate is \$185 per sport for the 2024–25 school year, paid to the district to offset district athletic facility maintenance and/or improvements. To learn more about Jeffco Athletics and where this money goes, please go to:

<https://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/services/athletics/participate-in-athletics>

How to Pay Fees

- **Credit card**
 - This payment is only available for online transactions (chatfieldlacrosse.com or an external linked site)
- **Zelle**
 - Transfer (via Zelle app or your banking app) to **treasurer@chatfieldlacrosse.com**
 - Type your son's name in the Memo field to make sure the funds are applied to the correct player
- **Check**
 - Make checks out to CBLBC and hand directly to the Treasurer or mail to: CBLBC, P.O. Box 270913, Littleton, CO 80127
 - Make sure you allow enough time for the payment to be received *before* the due date
- **Cash**
 - Hand directly to the CBLBC Treasurer; we do not recommend mailing cash
- **Lax Cash** (see below)

Lax Cash

Chatfield Lax Cash is a running account of each player's credits/debits to the Booster Club. Players can accrue Lax Cash through the King Soopers Rewards Program (see below) and some optional fundraisers. Parents can also "round up" when paying via Zelle, check, or cash for other fees, etc., and anything over the amount due is added to their account. Your son's Lax Cash account rolls over from year to year and stays active until your player graduates or decides not to play lacrosse at Chatfield. Lax Cash is not refunded at the end of a player's time at Chatfield.

Players and parents can access their player's Lax Cash account statements on our website (players are given an account number, so all amounts owed/paid are anonymous). If your player's account is negative (-), you have money in your account. The next time you have a Booster Club charge, you can tell the treasurer to use your Lax Cash. If your account is positive, you **owe** that amount to the Booster Club.

King Soopers Rewards Program

Players may earn funds to offset team lacrosse expenses through participation in the King Soopers Community Rewards program, which gives 4% back on all purchases, including gas. More information and how to sign up is on our website.

FUNDRAISING

Spirit Nights

The Booster Club arranges for several opportunities throughout the year to raise money for the lacrosse team via Spirit Nights at local restaurants. Details on these will be communicated via email and social media.

Sponsors

We are seeking sponsors for the upcoming season. Sponsorship supports the Booster Club with purchasing new uniforms, upgrading equipment, and covering general costs associated with supporting our program this season and for many seasons to come.

Players receive 10% of any sponsorships acquired, which will be deposited into his Lax Cash account. To learn more about sponsorships and how parents and players can help the program get sponsors, email info@chatfieldlacrosse.com. Sponsors can purchase a sponsorship on our website at <https://chatfieldlacrosse.com/donations>.

GEAR AND UNIFORMS

Helmets

All players must have a matte black Chatfield helmet to play. Players are now required to purchase a Chatfield helmet and decals through the Booster Club, regardless of whether you already have a plain black helmet. We will not sell or provide helmet decals separately. The Booster Club usually has an inventory of helmets available if your player needs a new helmet

before the start of the school year. You can purchase a helmet on our website at <https://chatfieldlacrosse.com/store>. Helmets are sold at a greatly reduced price (\$270 for a matte black Cascade XRS Pro with custom burgundy chin plate; a ~\$100 discount from retailers).

Player Gear/Practice Gear

Required athletic wear for practices and game days is determined by Coach Spangler at the beginning of each year. These items can be ordered through the Booster Club. Examples may include practice shorts, short- and long-sleeved practice tees, shooter shirts, joggers or sweatpants, and hoodies.

The Booster Club aims to provide at least two opportunities to order player/practice gear (including lacrosse bags, tees, hoodies, sweatpants) and fan gear for parents/families: once in the fall and again in the winter/early spring. Pay close attention to your email/social media for order deadlines to ensure you and your player have gear in time for the beginning of the season.

Uniforms

Uniforms are handed out at the beginning of the season, after tryouts.

Players and parents will get an email prior to uniform handout asking for **preferred** shorts sizing and **preferred** jersey number. Volunteers try to match the requests up against other requests for numbers/sizing. This is only an opportunity to request a jersey number and shirt size; it is NOT an order. Uniforms and uniform numbers are handed out based on a seniority system; varsity and seniors get first pick, then juniors, sophomores, and finally, freshman.

Uniforms usually consist of one set of home (white jersey/white shorts), one set of away (black jersey/black shorts), and a reversible pinnie—all with the same number. Uniforms are the responsibility of the athlete and his parents; ALL uniform pieces must be returned at the end of the season. Information regarding uniform drop-off will be communicated via email, social media, and GroupMe after the last game of the season.

Uniforms are the property of the Booster Club. To receive a uniform, players must provide a \$300 **refundable** check at uniform hand-out. This check will be held by the Treasurer until the end of the season, when uniforms are returned. If the entire uniform set is returned in clean and unstained condition, the player will receive his check back. If the uniform set is returned dirty and/or stained or is missing pieces, the Booster Club will deposit the check to pay for cleaning, repairing, or purchasing a new piece of the uniform set.

Players cannot “purchase” any piece of his uniform; they must all be returned at the end of the season. Any pieces not returned at the end of the season must be paid for in full if the replacement cost is higher than the deposit paid.

Players are expected to have ALL uniform pieces at every game, regardless of home/away status.

REGISTRATION AND FEES

School Registration and Fees

Players *must* register with the school before they can try out. To register your player, go to the Chatfield Athletics website (<https://chatfieldhs.schoolteams.com>) and click on “Athletic Registration” (in the top navigation ribbon). You cannot register your child to play lacrosse until the spring sports registration window opens, usually in late January. You will have about four weeks until registration closes the week before tryouts begin.

All players must be registered and cleared by the Athletic Department before they can try out/practice. Players will receive an email from the Athletic Department once they are cleared to try out. Registrations should be completed by the date specified on the website to allow for enough time for players to be cleared before the tryout date.

How to complete school registration:

1. **Get a sports physical.** Forms are available on the Chatfield Athletics Department website (under Quick Links: “Blank Physical Form”).
2. **Register online through the Chatfield Athletic Registration website.** You will need your player’s school ID number. You will need to upload your child’s signed physical form. Specific instructions on how to complete your registration are listed on the website.
3. **Pay your player’s fee.** The district athletic fee (\$185 in 2024–25) will be added to your player’s fee statement once your player has been assigned to a roster. These fees must be paid to the school/district to graduate, receive a yearbook, etc.

Booster Club Registration and Fees

Booster Club registration/fees are separate from Chatfield/Jeffco registration/fees. Our fees are based on historical and anticipated costs for the next year. Booster Club registration can be accessed from the chatfieldlacrosse.com website in January.

Booster Club registration must be completed before tryouts. This process provides contact and other important information for your player. This information is cross-checked against what may already be in the system to make sure emails, phone numbers, etc., are accurate. This information is updated in GroupMe and/or the email address book.

Booster Club fees must be paid in March (an exact date will be communicated in January). The Booster Club allows several weeks after any preseason fundraisers to allow for money raised to be included in each player’s Lax Cash account.

TRYOUTS

Tryouts generally take place near the end of February. They usually last three days and rosters are created on the evening of the last day. Practices begin the next school day. Tryouts for 2024–25 will occur February 24, 25, and 26, 2025.

In the past, Chatfield Boys Lacrosse has traditionally not cut players who attend tryouts (injured players should attend practice regardless of their injury, at least until speaking to the coaches). The “no cut” effort is dependent on potential roster sizes and the best interests of the players and the program. Our tryout rosters have increased over the last few seasons, and while the coaching staff does its best to not cut players, they still reserve the right to cut players at any level as they see fit. Tryouts and roster placement is at the discretion of the Chatfield coaching staff, Athletic Department, and School Administration.

PRACTICES

Field practices will be held at Chatfield Senior High School turf (behind the school) every weekday. Specific practice times will be announced prior to the season (times and locations may change as the need arises; changes will be announced via GroupMe channels). If you need assistance with transportation to or from practice, please have your player post on GroupMe.

Players are expected to help set up and clean off the field and put away equipment after practices and JV games.

SCHEDULE/GAMES

Schedule

The Chatfield Athletic Director coordinates the schedule with other schools. Schedules generally come out in January/February. First games of the season usually occur about one week after the first practice (Spring 2025: First games can be no earlier than March 6). State seeding occurs the weekend after the last scheduled game, usually after the first week of May. Playoff championship games usually take place after graduation, around May 20.

To subscribe to your player’s team schedule (and add it to your mobile device automatically), go to the Chatfield school website (<https://chatfield.jeffcopublicschools.org/>), click on **School Calendar**, then click **Events Calendar**. Once in the Events Calendar, click on the **eye icon/View Schedules** on the right. Scroll down the listed events to Lacrosse. You can select Lacrosse - Boys C Team, Lacrosse - Boys JV, Lacrosse - Boys Varsity, or all three. Click the **VIEW** button below your selection(s). Once the schedule appears, click on **Subscribe** in the upper right of the screen. You can select how you want to subscribe (Outlook, iCal, Google), and games will load onto your calendar—including updates and reschedules.

Away Games/Early Evening Games

As much as we try to schedule games so working parents can attend, we will have some late afternoon/early evening games. When applicable, early release passes are provided by the school. In the past, players could store gear at the security desk during the school day; this is not allowed for the 2024–25 school year. We will communicate where students can store game/practice equipment during the school day as the season approaches. **Away game transportation is not provided**; players are expected to provide their own transportation to/from

the games. If your player needs a ride to or from a game (and a parent has already signed the transportation release at registration), please have him post on GroupMe.

Game Day Attire

Coaches and/or captains will determine and inform players what they should wear on game days. This can include dress pants (slacks, khakis, chinos), polo shirt, dress shirt and tie, jerseys, or practice gear. This communication will come to players via GroupMe or a team chat.

STATISTICS AND GAME FILM

MaxPreps

CHSAA uses MaxPreps as its official site to collect data for regular season scores and statistics (<https://www.maxpreps.com/co/littleton/chatfield-chargers/lacrosse/>). Varsity schedules, rosters, stats, and results are posted on MaxPreps.

Scorebreak

Chatfield Lacrosse uses Scorebreak (<https://app.scorebreak.io/>) to record all varsity games. This film is used to augment game statistics and for learning and coaching opportunities. All Chatfield players have access to Scorebreak; invites are sent out at the beginning of the season using the email address provided during Booster Club registration. All players, regardless of level, are encouraged to watch Chatfield varsity game film. Scorebreak also live streams select varsity games; links will be made available via social media before each live-streamed game.

VOLUNTEERING

There are many opportunities for parents to volunteer and help our program be successful. Volunteers are needed throughout the season to help with events such as Spirit Nights, team bonding, post-practice sideline dinners, and the end-of-season banquet. Parents will receive invites to sign up to volunteer via Sign-Up Genius OR parents can reach out via email to info@chatfieldlacrosse.com if they would like to help in any way. Some of our more specific needs are listed below.

JV Game Clocks

JV and C Level team parents are expected to volunteer to run the game clock at home games at least once per season. At least two parents are needed for each home game. Instructions are provided. Parents will receive a Sign-Up Genius email to volunteer once rosters are set.

Varsity Timers' Table

At most varsity games, the venue (home team) provides the timekeeper. We need one or two parents to track score, penalties, time outs, and other stats during games for the entire season. Training will be provided.

End-of-Season Banquet

Volunteers are needed to help plan, order senior/coach gifts, and set up decorations for the banquet. Please email info@chatfieldlacrosse.com to get involved.

SPRING BREAK

For the past several years, Coach Spangler and the Booster Club have planned a Spring Break trip for varsity players. The trip is by invitation only; players are invited in January and always have the option to decline the invite. (Participation is NOT required.) Locations for the trips are decided in the fall. Fees for each player have been between \$1200–\$1600 (broken into payments) and include airline, hotel, ground transportation, insurance, coaches' airline/hotel, meals, and any activities fees. Practice is not held during Spring Break, but players are encouraged to work during the week on conditioning, skills, etc.

OFF-SEASON PLAY

Chatfield participates in off-season lacrosse programs. In the past, we participated in the Denver Lacrosse Club summer and/or fall leagues at Rosamond Park, a fall tournament in late October, and an indoor winter league through Foothills Rec.

Weight room, conditioning, and stick skill workouts begin in January, prior to the start of the season. In the past, these workouts have been held on Tuesdays and Thursdays evenings at Chatfield. (Winter sport athletes do not have to attend if this does not fit into their practice/homework schedules.)

Participation in these off-season leagues and workouts is not mandatory and is not expected to be of higher priority than other Chatfield sports/activities but IS HIGHLY SUGGESTED.

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

- Parents and players may not harass, bully, or give intimidating messages in person or electronically to other parents, players, volunteers, or coaches at any time.
- Parents should adhere to the “24-Hour Rule” and not discuss coaching/player concerns with coaches for at least 24 hours after an issue arises at a game, practice, or other instance. We strongly suggest players speak on their own behalf to their appropriate coach *before* parents reach out to Coach Spangler.

Jeffco Athletics and Activities requires all parents/guardians to agree to the following language when registering their children for athletics/activities. Please review and be prepared to acknowledge and agree when registering your child for any sport.

Parent Commitments and Pledge

Educationally based high school athletics promote physical, social and emotional development of student-athletes. Providing our student-athletes with a comprehensive, competitive, and positive experience will only happen through the cooperation of student-athletes, parents, coaches and school administration. Like coaches and student-athletes, parents must make commitments to the athletic program(s). By allowing my student to participate in athletics, I agree to the following commitments and pledge:

Parent Commitments

- To accompany my student-athlete to as many orientation and informational meetings offered by the athletic department, as my schedule will permit.
- To work closely with all school personnel to assure an appropriate academic as well as athletic experience for my student-athlete.
- To assure that my student-athlete attends all scheduled practices and athletic contests.
- To read, understand, and require my student-athlete to abide by all training and conduct rules.
- To acknowledge the ultimate authority of the coach to determine strategy, the allocation of playing time, and player selection.
- To work cooperatively with other parents and school personnel to assure a wholesome and successful athletic program for our school.
- To work with coaches and other school personnel to identify a reasonable and realistic future for my child as a student-athlete, both in high school and in college.
- To acknowledge that involvement in high school athletics is a privilege. All Jeffco schools and their school communities are expected to display positive sportsmanship.

Parent Pledge

I will focus my actions as a parent/spectator of high school athletics and activities on respecting all participants, coaches, sponsors, and officials. I believe that by demonstrating respect for all people involved in the activity, I am a catalyst for positive interaction among

participants and fans of interscholastic activities and athletics. By taking this pledge, I accept the responsibility of serving as a role model for all members of my community.

Jeffco Fan Behavior Agreement

As a parent/fan, I acknowledge that I am a role model, encouraging my child to develop lifelong values of respect, fairness, ethical behavior, and responsibility. An important purpose of school athletics and activities is to offer a positive learning experience for students. I understand that I must show respect for all players, coaches, spectators, officials, and support groups, take responsibility for my actions, and accept the outcome of the event. I understand the spirit of fair play and that good sportsmanship is expected by our school, our district, and the Colorado High School Activities Association.

I understand that attendance at athletics and activities is a privilege and not a right. Jeffco Public Schools may remove a parent or fan for any reason deemed sufficient by Jeffco Public Schools, in its sole discretion. If a parent/fan is ejected by an official or removed by a school administrator, the following consequences will occur.

1. I understand that I will be asked to leave the contest immediately.
2. I will not be allowed to attend the next contest.
3. I must complete two National Federation of State High School Association online classes, Sportsmanship and Positive Parenting, within School Programs before being allowed to return to school events.
4. I must meet with the school's Athletic Director before permission will be granted for me to return to school events.
5. A second ejection will result in a one year ban from all school events.

CHSAA Sportsmanship Bylaw: *Any person who physically assaults, verbally threatens, or exhibits any behavior that can be reasonably considered as threatening, on or towards a game official at any level of competition shall be subject to consequences up to and including being permanently banned from any CHSAA or CHSAA member event. The determination and severity of the consequence(s) for these behaviors will be determined by the CHSAA Commissioner and the School Administration working collaboratively.*