

## **ERZ GIRLS LACROSSE BOOSTER CLUB FAQ'S**

### ***Q. What is a Booster Club?***

The Booster Club is an organization whose primary objective is to fund raise in order to cover the financial costs of the programs that the district does not cover. The Booster Club was established to promote and support the sport of Girl's Lacrosse at Elk River- Zimmerman (ERZ) High Schools. Fundraising is essential to ensuring that all ERZ Girls High School Lacrosse teams remains cost neutral to the high school. Fundraising and Booster Club dues are the primary financial sources for which the Booster Club pays non-district covered program costs. The support of Booster Club members is absolutely essential to ensuring that Girl's Lacrosse remains a viable high school sport for today and for years to come.

### ***Q. How much does the Lacrosse Program cost the Booster Club?***

Currently, with limited funding from the district, the lacrosse program costs the Booster Club approximately \$13,000. These funds are typically raised through various sponsorship efforts, Booster Club membership dues and fundraising.

### ***Q. How much are booster fees?***

Booster fees are assessed annually based on program costs, district funding and the fundraising efforts of our families as a whole. The current season fees can be found on our website.

### ***Q. Do I have to participate in fundraising and pay Booster Club Dues?***

When it comes to fundraising and Booster Club dues, Booster Clubs are discouraged from using the term "mandatory", however, without the fundraising efforts of families and payment of Booster Club dues, the lacrosse program would become non-solvent. For this reason, B Team, JV and Varsity level players are highly encouraged to take an equal part in the Booster Club's work. Families may choose to "buyout" of a fundraiser or volunteer sessions, if it is offered. In addition to sponsorship or fundraising, all families are also encouraged to become Booster Club Members and contribute dues.

### ***Q. What do high school activity fees pay for?***

Currently, the high school activity fee pays for Varsity Head Coach's salary, JV Head Coach's salary, B Teams Coach's salary, practice & game site use, busing to games, referees, some athletic equipment, and administrative program costs/fees. (There may be additional costs covered by these fees that are not listed here.)

### ***Q. Why do I have to pay the Activity Fee before tryouts and what happens if I don't make B Team, JV or Varsity at the high school?***

All players must register with the school before tryouts, for insurance purposes. The registration process does not require the fee to be paid at the time of registration, however, the school does encourage any returning players to complete the process through fee payment. Once tryouts are complete, if your student does not make a HS team, any registration fees paid will be reimbursed by the school. Following tryouts, all unpaid fees must be paid by the first practice. Please note that the district has a family maximum per year, see the school activity website for detail. You must be registered with the school to participate in ERZ Girls Lacrosse

Captains Practice, the booster club charges a fee to offset the facility charges. All players must register with the district to participate in Captain Practice.

**Q. What is the Booster Board?**

The Booster Board currently consists of the following **volunteer** Board Members: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, Volunteer Coordinator, Program Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator, and Photographer. The board manages the day to day operations of the Booster Club, however, the support and participation of families in decision making and various committees is crucial to ensuring that the financial goals of the Booster Club are met.

**Q. What are Booster Club Committees and how can I get involved?**

Booster Club Committees are individuals or groups of individuals who **volunteer** to perform various tasks to ensure that the Booster Club achieves its goal of financially supporting and enhancing the ERZ Girls High School Lacrosse Program. All families are asked to participate in some way to ensure that the goals are met. Booster Club meetings are held once a month during the season, all Booster Club members are encouraged to attend. Please let any board member know if you would like to join, **we need your help!**

**Provided by Booster Club:**

Website [www.erzlacrosse.com](http://www.erzlacrosse.com)

Coordination of Captain Practice (space, equipment, volunteer chaperones as required)  
Captain Practice Athletic Trainer (NEW)  
Coordination of Tryouts as directed by Head Coach (ie: turf space)  
Coordination of sponsorships  
Team/Individual Photos  
Team Apparel Store coordination  
College Scholarship\*  
Uniforms (donated to ISD#728 after purchase, money set aside each season for future uniform purchase)  
Goalie equipment as needed

Game Supplies: walkie talkies, cones, timers, clock, Lax balls, water bottles, tent, etc.  
Game announcing/music  
Bus upgrade(s) for out of town travel  
Meals for some away games  
Year End Banquet  
Staff Appreciation Event  
Youth Night Event  
Senior Night Event/banners/banquet gifts\*  
Game Video  
Game Photography  
Pasta Feed Coordination  
Section apparel/add-ons when applicable\*  
State Tournament additions when applicable\* Uniform laundering/repair  
Other items as directed by Coach or District request

*\*Must be a Booster Member in good standing to benefit, items not applicable or may have a fee included*

If your family qualifies for free or reduced lunch or is facing a hardship **please** contact our Treasurer for options. The ERZ Girls Lacrosse Booster Club has funds set aside to keep girls in the game. Please reach out to Coach Anderson or a Board Member if your player is in need of required equipment. If you have equipment you no longer use please consider donating to our Booster Club for others to use.

*Booster Club Member in good standing = no outstanding fees, no outstanding equipment or uniform, volunteer commitment met by season end (includes season carry over). Families who qualify for hardship fund are considered members in good standing.*