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Greenbrier Wolfpack Boy's Lacrosse  
***Parent Handbook***  
2017



**Welcome to the Wolfpack Family!!**

The formal name of our organization is **Greenbrier Men's Lacrosse** and is aligned under Class 6A, Area 8 in Georgia for the 2017 season. The informal name and the name used for team play is the 'Wolfpack'. We field Junior Varsity and Varsity teams with 20-25 players per team (with a limited number of players that play on both teams). We ask that all parents read this parent handbook and become familiar with our policies and procedures. A copy of this document and our bylaws can be obtained from our website at [www.ghswolfpacklax.com](http://www.ghswolfpacklax.com) We may from time to time e-mail you information regarding our programs but our main means of communications is via our website. Most questions or concerns can be addressed simply by contacting a Coach or a Board Member. Any major concerns that can't be resolved at the team level should be addressed to our Booster Club Vice President or President for consideration and resolution.

**Official Wolfpack Contact Info:**

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

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Facebook: Greenbrier Wolfpack Lacrosse

**Home Field:** Greenbrier High School Stadium, Evans, GA "The Wolf Den". Practices are conducted on the practice field behind the high school typically between 6-8pm.

**History:** Lacrosse first started at Greenbrier High School in 2007. Each year our Team has grown in numbers and support. In 2010 we added the option for 8th Graders to play on Junior Varsity. The Wolfpack competes in Region 6A, Area 8 and plays some of the strongest teams in the state. Other Area 8 team include Archer, Grayson, Evans and Lakeside High Schools.

We're very excited about how far we have come in our relatively short history and hope that you can come out and join us as we continue to grow as individuals and more importantly as a Team. Our hard work and dedication is starting to pay off.

**Vision:**

To implant firmly in our players the ideas of academic excellence, good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, and courage. This will promote a well-adjusted, strong and happy lifestyle, enabling them to grow to be good, responsible, healthy, and trustworthy citizens. The Wolfpack shall encourage our players to higher scholastic standards, acquaint them with the fundamentals of the game rules and continue to teach throughout the season; sportsmanship, knowledge of the game and the meaning of teamwork. The Wolfpack shall provide a supervised program under the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia High School Association (GHSA). All Board Members, Coaches, and Participants shall bear in mind that the attainment of athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary; and the molding of future citizens is of prime importance.

**Wolfpack Mission Statement:**

Enable each participant to:

- Develop into a successful student and respected citizen of Evans, GA.
- Learn the importance of teamwork.
- Learn the rules and becomes students of the game.
- Learn the importance of hard work and dedication to accomplish your goals.
- Have Fun!**

**Expectations of Parents:**

1. **Volunteering:** The Wolfpack is a non-profit organization that relies strictly on volunteers. All parents must be willing volunteers within the organization. We feel that like every strong family, everyone has something they can contribute to the organization that can further advance the Wolfpack as one of the most respected Lacrosse teams in the state of Georgia. Typical examples of possible volunteer requirements include:

- serving on committees (game day setup/cleanup, banquet, concession etc.)
- helping with concession sales during home games.
- working in the press box and taking stats for home games
- helping with field maintenance
- raising funds
- serving as a Team Parent for one of our graduating years (FR,SO, JR/SR)
- sponsorship (either with services or funding)

Filling these and other volunteer positions / duties is vital to success of the Wolfpack organization. We would also ask that if anyone in your family wins the lottery or makes it big in the Pro's, that you don't forget your roots!! You will receive detailed information on volunteer opportunities at upcoming parents meetings. Unassigned volunteer slots will be assigned to families so sign up early for the positions you want! Parent volunteers will be shown how to perform any volunteer positions they sign up for by other parents who have done that job before. You won't be expected to 'figure it out'!

2. **Fundraising/Concessions:** Our primary source of fundraising includes seeking out individual and corporate sponsors, car washes, mulch drives and concessions. We hope you can help promote this important aspect of our annual budget. Details to follow about our fundraising program for 2016/17.

3. **Safety:** We ask that all parents join us in our endeavor to keep Safety as our top priority. Whether it's on the lacrosse field, in the stands, on the road or at home- if you see an unsafe act, please help us to stop it and contact a coach and/or board member immediately so that we can keep it from occurring again. While most of our coaches have some level of basic medical training, we ask that if you have any specialized medical training, please let your coaches know so that if required, we can ask your assistance if a medical emergency occurs. A particular safety concern is lightning at practice and games. We plan to utilize available apps to help detect lightning in the area and will clear practice and game fields when it occurs.

4. **Equipment:** We ask that you take the time to become familiar with your son's lacrosse equipment and inspect it from time to time for any broken snaps, buckles, chinstraps, etc.. While coaches do spot-check equipment, we look at parents as being the first line of defense for keeping the equipment in good shape so it can do its job and protect your child! Tightening screws on helmets and periodically inspecting pads and other gear is good practice. Take care of your equipment and it will take care of you. If you feel that something doesn't fit right, please see one of your coaches.

Equipment that Wolfpack provides to your son: Home and away game jersey's and shorts and helmet decals. Practice penny's, shorts and shooter shirts will be provided via player pack purchase. Specialized equipment to be provided for Goalies.

Equipment that players will need to provide: Helmet (reduced rate through team purchase), chin strap, mouthpiece, shoulder pads, elbow pads, gloves, cleats, socks, cups.

5. **Travel:** During the regular season, games are conducted at either our home field or at other teams home fields. There are two other local High Schools fielding lacrosse teams this year- Lakeside and Evans. The majority of our away games are in Atlanta but we'll also play in Savannah or Columbia, SC occasionally. Transportation for all away games is provided by the High School on either school busses or potentially chartered transportation depending on the status of our budget.

6. **Sideline Behavior:** We ask that all parents set the example for good sportsmanship and behavior. This organization exists to develop great citizens, not to create professional lacrosse players. We are a fundamentals-based organization that desires a positive environment for all participants and parents. Please see code of conduct below for specific details. Parents are responsible for their son's before and after practices or games. Players should arrive 15 minutes before practice begins and be picked up immediately at the end of practice. Parents are to refrain from interfering with coaches

during practice and address issues privately outside of practice in a positive manner. Sportsmanlike conduct should be shown towards all players, coaches and officials at all times.

**7. Athlete Participation:** Participants are required to attend all practices and games. Missed practices may result in less game time. Beginning in the month of January, practices will be held at Greenbrier High School (Practice Field). Coaches or team administrators will email or call to cancel practice. Do not assume practice is cancelled if you do not hear from anyone. Practices may still be held even if it is raining. A game schedule will be provided shortly after the beginning of the season. Remember dates and times are subject to change. Lacrosse is a Team Sport! Absences make it difficult for coaches to plan for their team. Please have your son to practices and games on time. Special commitments are understood but must be brought to the attention of the Head Coach.

### **8. Code of Conduct:**

The Wolfpack has **NO TOLERANCE** for any rude or violent behavior from members, players, coaches, administration or spectators. At a minimum, unacceptable behavior includes profanity, obscene gestures, verbal threats and physically threatening action. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages, intoxicating substances or illegal drugs at any practice or game field, park, playground, athletic facility or association function is prohibited. The result may be reprimand, probation, or suspension from the Wolfpack and all related functions. Use of any tobacco product within 100 yards of our practice field or game fields is prohibited.

### **9. Player Fees:**

The Wolfpack may collect various fees before the season begins. These fees shall be set annually by the Wolfpack Board and Coaching Staff and are intended to cover part or all of the operating costs of the Wolfpack (uniform purchase and repair, concessions, insurance, field maintenance, referees, camp etc.), as well as other higher organization participation fees.

### **Board Positions:**

- A. **PRESIDENT** – The President shall have administrative supervision of the affairs of the Wolfpack. The President shall preside as chairperson at all meetings. The President will be responsible for appointing and overseeing all committees. The President shall make reports to the Directors and the membership of all actions taken on behalf of the Wolfpack. The President shall also be responsible for enforcing conduct and responsibilities of the Board. The President will perform other duties as are required by the Board or the membership.
  
- B. **VICE-PRESIDENT** - The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, exercise and enact all duties and/or responsibilities, and generally supervise association affairs. The Vice-President will have the right to vote on matters

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concerning the Wolfpack. The Vice-President will perform other duties as are required by the Board or the membership. The Vice-President shall serve as the contact point for all conduct complaints.

- C. **SECRETARY** - The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings and transactions of the association and report the same to the membership at the Annual Meeting. The Secretary will countersign with the President all legal instruments of non-financial matters concerning the Wolfpack. The Secretary will maintain a current list of all Board Members and General Membership and will be responsible for all Wolfpack correspondence. The Secretary will perform other duties as are incident to the office or as are required by the Board or membership.
- D. **TREASURER** - The Treasurer shall have oversight of all Booster Club funds and will work closely with the school for expenses and fundraising efforts. The Treasurer will closely track all expenditures and income.
- E. **DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND WEBMASTER** – The Director of Communications shall be responsible for all public communications related to Wolfpack. This may include; game press releases, fundraising and other Wolfpack events, email distribution lists, calling lists for organization notification as well as solicitations for coaches and players. The Webmaster shall work toward the creation and maintenance of an association web site and shall be responsible for keeping it updated. The Director of Communications shall perform other duties that are required by the Board or the membership.
- F. **DIRECTOR OF FIELD OPERATIONS AND SAFETY** - The Director of Field Operations and Safety shall be responsible for the preparation and maintenance of the practice and game fields and perform other duties as are required by the Board or the membership.
- G. **DIRECTOR OF FUNDRAISING** – The Director of Fundraising shall be responsible for all fundraising associated with Wolfpack. These activities / events are at the discretion of the Director of Fundraising with prior Board approval. The Director of Fundraising shall work closely with other Board members to coordinate fundraising efforts and develop plans. The Director of Fundraising shall perform other duties as are required by the Board or the membership.
- H. **DIRECTOR OF CONCESSIONS**- The Director of Concessions shall be responsible for the coordination of all concession support to games, camps and other Wolfpack events. This director shall ensure that the proper health standards are met for safe preparation, distribution and sale of all concessions. The Concession Director shall work closely with the Team Parent Coordinator for manpower support to setup and run the concession stand as well as with the Treasurer for purchase of supplies and revenue earned at the concession stand. This director shall also work closely with outside vendors to ensure a good variety of goods are available. The Director of Concessions shall perform other duties as are required by the Board or the membership.

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We hope that this Parent Handbook serves as a useful reference document to help guide you through the 2017 Season. Thanks again for joining the Wolfpack Family!

*Very Sincerely,*

The 2017 Coaching Staff and Wolfpack Board of Directors