

# **ROBERT BATEMAN SECONDARY**



## **ATHLETICS HANDBOOK 2025-2026**

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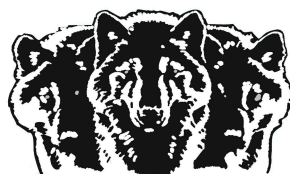
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## **PHILOSOPHY**

We will strive for excellence and participation within our athletic program. We will try to develop winning teams but without compromising principles of fair play and discipline.

### Parents:

Participation in athletics is a privilege. Staff focus on teaching skill, attitudes, knowledge and sportsmanship. The lessons students learn by being part of a team teach responsibility, cooperation, dedication, and determination.

### Student-Athletes:

The privilege earned to be a part of a team at Robert Bateman is an extension of the classroom. The goal is for students to benefit as much from an athletic experience as from academic learning. High school athletes learn positive values on the playing field that will last a lifetime. As a community we will expect ethical decision-making, high levels of sportsmanship, and integrity in competition.

## **GOALS**

- To provide an opportunity for students to compete against each other to develop their own skills to their utmost potential
- To have participants understand the meaning of commitment
- To promote an understanding of sportsmanship and fair play
- To help participants learn to respect the unique abilities of themselves and others
- To promote passion, discipline, and dedication on the part of both student-athletes and coaches
- To further, promote a positive attitude towards physical activity
- To promote excellence in competition
- To promote multiple sport participation in our athletics program

## **EXPECTATIONS**



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### **At practices:**

- Coaches and students should be prepared to commit themselves to regularly scheduled and organized practices during their particular season.
- Athletes will dress in school/sport appropriate clothing for all games and practices. Participants should also be discouraged from wearing any type of jewelry.
- Coaches will be responsible for the allocation and retrieval of all equipment used during games/practices. Report any lost/damaged equipment to the athletic director.
- School team uniforms are not to be worn at practices or in P.E. classes or any other times other than games or promotional events.

### **At games:**

- Coaches and players should be aware that they serve as official representatives of the entire school whenever they put on school uniforms to compete.
- Organization of team managers will be the responsibility of team coaches or sponsor teachers.
- Organization of officials will be the responsibility of the team coaches or the Athletic Director. If you would like the Athletic Director to organize officials for your games, please notify the Athletic Director prior to the beginning of your team's season.

### **At school:**

- The school policy on student behavior will be enforced for all athletic events wherever and whenever held. Refer to Robert Bateman student handbook.
- Any disciplinary actions taken will be at the discretion of the coach and administration with the best interests of the school and individual in mind.
- Athletics should not be used as an excuse for incomplete schoolwork. Players are responsible for keeping up their academic standing.
- As per Robert Bateman Secondary's school attendance policy, it is expected that students will attend all classes unless absent for a legitimate reason, such as illness, appointments, etc.

## **BC SCHOOL SPORTS**



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- BC School Sports (BCSS) is the governing body for all high school sports in British Columbia except for High School Ice Hockey which operates under the governance of its own organization. The BCSS website provides coaches and parents with extensive information relevant to high school sports in our province.
- Team and player registration is done online. Please be sure to submit your team list before the deadline. Failure to register in time may result in fines to the school and/or players being ineligible to play. Contact the Athletic Director if you have any questions about team and player registrations.
- The BCSS website is [www.bcschoolsports.ca](http://www.bcschoolsports.ca)

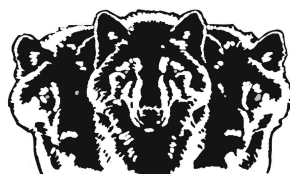
### **2025/2026- Seasons of Play**

- Fall Season: September 2 - November 29
- Winter Season: November 24 - March 7
- Spring Season: February 23 - June 6

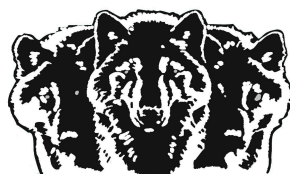
### **Seasons of play by Sport**

- *Fall Season*  
Football, Girls Volleyball, Swimming, Cross Country, Boys Soccer
- *Winter Season*  
Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball
- *Spring Season*  
Boys Rugby, Girls Rugby, Girls Soccer, Golf, Ice Hockey, Track & Field

## **COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT**



- Coaches are expected to model the fundamentally positive aspects of school sport. Coaches are responsible for their own behavior as well as their student-athletes.
- Coaches shall recognize that school sport is an extension of the classroom, with moral and legislative obligations required of the coach at all times.
- Coaches shall uphold the rules and regulations of BC SCHOOL SPORTS and the local Athletic Association.
- Coaches shall actively uphold the rules of the sport, the spirit of the rules of the sport and encourage student-athletes to do the same.
- Coaches shall treat all participants fairly and equitably, by refraining from discriminating against any student-athlete.
- Coaches shall respect the judgment and interpretation of officials without gesture or argument and require student-athletes do the same.
- Coaches shall not use foul, profane, harassing or offensive language while coaching.
- Coaches shall not, either directly or indirectly, encourage a student to attend a particular school for participating in inter-school sport.
- Coaches shall abstain from the use of tobacco products and alcohol while in the presence of student-athletes, and discourage their use by student athletes.
- Coaches shall not require or imply that a student cannot or should not participate in any school sports of their choice in the season preceding and/or succeeding a particular season of play.
- Coaches shall not start practices/tryouts any more than 30 days prior to the start of the season of play in order to limit the time sports from different seasons overlap. Fall sports may run a camp and/or tryouts in June, once spring sports have completed, as their 'season of play' starts prior to the first day of school.



**TRANSITIONING BETWEEN SEASONS OF PLAY**

- Student-athletes are encouraged to play more than one school sport during their time at Bateman. As a result, student-athletes who play sports in back to back seasons may have conflicts during the end of one season and the beginning of another.
- Student athletes competing in back-to-back seasons of play are not required to attend the succeeding sport practice until the preceding season is completed.
- Coaches will be aware that some of their athletes may still be competing in their current season and therefore will not require them to be at practice until their current season is complete.
- If attendance at tryouts is required, the in-season coach must be consulted to find a time that works for the in-season athletes. In-season athletes are to be kept out of any contact portions of the tryout.

**SPECTATOR'S CODE OF CONDUCT**

- Treat everyone with respect
- Cheer in a positive manner for all competitors
- Respect the decisions of officials
- Do not interfere with the play or competition
- Be courteous and respectful to other spectators, competitors, coaches & officials
- Exercise self-control at all times
- Respect the rules and regulations of the facilities
- Refrain from the use of foul or profane language



## **ATHLETIC FEES**

Athletes at Robert Bateman Secondary School are required to pay an athletic fees before participation in any school sanctioned athletic event. Fees may be paid through SchoolCashOnline or in person at the office. Should a player choose to quit an athletic team once they have been selected **no refund will be issued**.

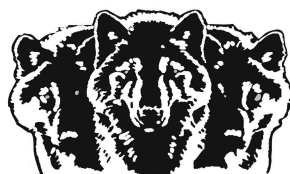
Individual teams will have fees to cover the cost of referee's, tournaments, travel, and other related expenses. The amount of these fees will vary by sport. Coaches are not paid.

In case of financial hardship, please contact the Athletic Director. Families in need of financial assistance may qualify for funding to help with Athletic Fees.

## **COACH'S CHECKLIST**

### **Pre-Season**

1. Meet with Athletic Director to review expectations/needs
2. Submit pre-season practice schedule request (if you need to book facility for practice)
3. Attend the local association rules meeting unless the Athletic Director attends for you
4. Announce start of season/try-out date and any other important dates for the season
5. Collect signed permission to play/emergency medical forms
6. Check equipment and facility to ensure safety of players
7. Report any new students (transfers) to Athletic Director to check eligibility status
8. Submit complete rosters to Athletic Director so players are registered for season
9. Submit season playing schedule to Athletic Director





**In-Season**

1. Inform Athletic Director of any schedule changes as soon as possible
2. Secure appropriate game workers (minor officials, scorekeepers, etc)
3. Report results of contests to the Athletic Director
4. Prepare announcements for PA at school and send to school secretary or Athletic Director
5. Book transportation through the office or through Athletic Director if coach is not in the school

**Post-Season**

1. Collect and inventory all equipment and uniforms
2. Organize a season culminating event
3. Submit special needs for next year

**PLAYER SELECTION**

Robert Bateman Secondary School athletic teams play in competitive leagues. The coaching staff of each team will determine the amount of playing time each player earns. Player development within a competitive environment is paramount. It is the coaches responsibility to ensure this development takes place.

**Player Selection and Playing Time Guidelines**

Player selection and playing time is determined by a variety of elements. The athlete must be able to safely achieve and maintain the skill and athletic requirements of the sport as determined by the coaches. The administration reserves the right to suspend players from school teams until school performance improves.



## **PRACTICES**

Practices will be held after school but in some cases can be scheduled in the morning before school or on the weekends. The length of the practice is up to the discretion of the individual coaches. There may be times during the season when it will be necessary for teams to practice away from the high school.

## **EARLY DISMISSAL/CLASS ABSENCE**

If student-athletes traveling to competition will miss all or part of classes other than the teacher-coach/sponsor's, then one week before the scheduled date(s) a list should be provided to the main office. At the bottom of this list there should be a request for classroom teachers to see the teacher-coach/sponsor if they have concerns about any of these students missing their class or leaving early. Students should understand that mutually involved teachers will come to an agreement on what is best for the student. Students should also understand that they are responsible for seeing their teachers or classmates with respect to missed work and assignments.

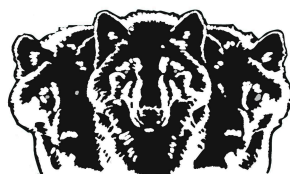
## **TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURES**

All curricular and extracurricular activities outside the school must have prior approval of the school administration and/or the Superintendent of Schools and written consent from the student's parents or guardian.

The School District Transportation Department requests a minimum of seven days to arrange for a bus and driver. Coaches who know their season travel schedule in advance are encouraged to book buses a month at a time. Please confirm your reservation with the office at least one day before departure.

Buses should be used unless distance and number of students traveling warrant the use of taxis. Taxis are to be ordered through the office. Submit the number of cabs needed, the date of the trip, destination and time of departure and whether a return trip is required. It is recommended that this be done the day before the taxis are needed. Taxi vouchers may be picked up in the office.

Transporting Students by Private Vehicle Private vehicles may be used for transporting students if the following has been satisfied:



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1. Drivers must have completed a volunteer driver application form and attached a photocopy of current driver's license and insurance plan.
2. Must have a safe driving record and no motor vehicle driving prohibitions or restrictions.
3. The vehicle transporting students must be mechanically sound with a minimum of \$1,000,000 third party liability.
4. Parents are aware and have given consent for students to travel by private vehicle.
5. School administrator has given authorization for the field trip and use of a private vehicle.
6. Student transport by private vehicle is limited to the geographic area defined by district policy and weather and driving conditions have been considered.
7. The driver has a minimum of 3 years driving experience for trips outside the district.

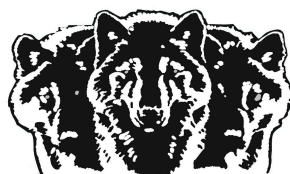
**School district third party legal liability insurance in excess of the driver/owner's personal limit may not apply if the driver is in breach of the terms or conditions of school district policy and procedures.**

### **CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND DISCIPLINE**

All student-athletes and teams representing Robert Bateman Secondary School in interscholastic competition are subject to the rules and regulations of BC School Sports, School District #34, and the school's Code of Conduct.

Responsibility for the first level of discipline with respect to an individual or team rests with the coach. Where a conflict arises between coach and player and/or coach and parent, every effort should be made by the parties directly concerned to find a satisfactory resolution.

The Athletic Director will act as an appeal from the first level of discipline, or where the parties directly involved in a conflict situation are unable to find a resolution themselves. This appeal will involve the student, a parent, a PE department teacher and the Athletic Director.



A council including the Principal, Vice Principal, Athletic Director, and School Counsellor may become involved:

- Where there is an appeal from the second level of discipline
- To assist as a third party where a conflict between a player and coach or a parent and coach cannot be resolved by the parties directly involved or with the assistance of the Athletic Director
- Where individuals competing are involved with smoking, consuming alcohol or using drugs at a sanctioned sporting event
- Where a student-athlete acts in a manner that brings the image of the school and its athletic program into disrepute
- Where an individual withdraws from a team following final selection of players without a legitimate excuse (e.g. medical reason). In this particular case, the player will be placed under suspension pending an appeal. He/she may not join another school team during that season, and should he/she play on another team in a subsequent season that same year, an application must be made to the Council to review the suspension.



### **ADDITION OF NEW TEAMS OR SPORTS**

A team or sport is deemed to be 'new' if it was not offered at Robert Bateman Secondary School the previous year. The addition of new teams or sports must be approved by the School Administration and the Athletic Director.

Criteria for consideration include:

- The impact on current teams or sports offered
- Availability of student-athletes able to participate competitively
- Availability of coaches and/or sponsors
- Availability of facilities
- Availability of qualified officials
- Long-term sustainability within the school
- Resolution of all related insurance issues
- Availability of external competition within a reasonable geographical area
- Potential costs to student-athletes, parents and the school
- The extent to which it duplicates sports already well served within the community

\*Addition of a new team must be approved 1 year in advance of the start of the proposed season.

Similar criteria may be used to determine whether a team or sport should be dropped from the school's interscholastic athletic program.

