

Burnaby Central Athletics Department

Frequently Asked Questions

1. *Where can I find information about the Athletic Teams offered at Burnaby Central?*

You can find information about our program on the Athletics Webpage (go to our school webpage/Department/Athletics). Click the TEAM tab to see each sport including season of play and contact information. Also, the Central Athletics Instagram/Twitter page gives regular updates (bbycentral_athletics / BbyCentral Athletics).

2. *Are uniforms provided for each team?*

Uniforms are provided for most teams. All that is required is to provide a post-dated deposit cheque that will be returned at the end of the season when the jersey is returned.

3. *What are the costs involved for a school sport?*

The school subsidizes part of the costs (transportation, uniforms, equipment) through activity fees but a team fee may be applied ranging from \$25 for younger teams to approximately \$80-\$120 for more senior teams to cover extra tournament fees and officials. Other costs may be included such as travel expenses to out of town tournaments and team wear purchases (see our online store). Assistance can be provided through community or school grants. Contact the Athletic Director for more information.

4. *Can a student participate in more than one sport?*

Yes, students can participate in multiple sports over the three seasons (fall, winter, spring). It is recommended to only participate in one sport during a specific season, but some sports do allow for a student to participate in more than one sport per season (i.e. Individual sports like track and field or cross country). Student-Athletes are reminded that they are students first and schoolwork must take precedence over participation in extracurricular activities.

5. *Who are the coaches for each Team?*

See the Athletic Webpage for current updates. Teams are coached by school staff members, community/parent volunteers or student coaches with an adult/staff sponsor. All volunteer coaches are required to complete a Criminal Record Check. See the Athletic Director if you are interested in volunteering as a coach. Also, all coaches are required to complete a Concussion Awareness course.

6. *Do school teams make cuts?*

Yes and No; unfortunately, due to playing time constraints, older teams (i.e. Junior or Senior level) will have to limit team numbers but, younger teams (i.e. Grade 8) will usually carry a large team to allow for lots of participation.

7. *How else can students participate in Athletics at Burnaby Central?*

Students can stay involved in the Athletics Program as a team manager, student coach, or volunteer scorekeeper. These students can earn service awards and gain valuable experience. Scorekeepers can join the Junior PHE 9/10 Leadership class or the scorekeeper club.