



Rush-Henrietta Booster FAQs

Who are the Sports Boosters?

We are a group of parents, district staff, alumni, and community supporters who volunteer their time to improve the lives of the student-athletes in the Rush-Henrietta School District (RHCS D). We are the link between the teams, the parents and RHCS D.

What is the purpose of the R-H Sports Booster Club?

The purpose of the Boosters is to support participation and excellence in all athletic programs throughout the Rush-Henrietta Central School District. The Boosters function in an atmosphere that is consistent with the educational philosophy of the school district and encourages school spirit and sportsmanship. We assist teams with fundraising, legal and financial management.

What does the Booster Club do for the various sports teams?

- We hold an All-Sport Community Kickoff in August/September to raise awareness of all the sports opportunities at R-H.
- The teams share and benefit from our 501(c)3 status. Teams would be unable to legally fundraise without this status, according to RHCS D, NYS and the IRS.
- We manage team account reconciliation and banking for each team for free.
- We provide flowers for the Seniors on their Senior Day.
- We schedule teams to run concessions fairly. Each time a concession is run the team receives 40% of the profit.
- We shop to fill the concession stands so that you don't have to.
- We provide funding for each team to get food certification for a parent each year. Food certification is needed to cook food and handle ice in the concession stands.
- We hold the Royal Award Comet Ceremony in June to celebrate the successes of our Varsity Teams.
- We award up to four (\$300) Carol Mancari Spirit Scholarships to Senior athletes at the end of the school year. *To be eligible, a parent or guardian must be a current member of the RH Sports Booster Club.*

Why get involved with the Booster Club?

Research has shown that children succeed academically, socially and emotionally, becoming more well-rounded individuals, when their parents are involved in their education and school activities. Getting involved shows children that their parents are genuinely interested and that going to school is a very positive cause. According to the policies of the RHCS D, our teams wouldn't be able to legally fundraise without a Booster Club. Meeting team needs (banquets, trips, dinners, and any extra team expenses) through fundraising is critical for some teams.

When are the Booster Meetings?

We meet the 1st Monday of every month from September to June at 7:00 pm in the High School Conference Room A/B (straight down the hall on right from main entrance) with the meetings lasting approximately 1 - 2 hours.

How do I join the R-H Sports Booster Club?

You can purchase one of our memberships online. You can become a supporting member by completing the process either while registering your athlete either on: FamilyID at: rhnet.org/familyid OR via the RH Sports Booster webpage: <https://www.rhnet.org/Page/644>

This entitles you to voting privileges and is a great way to support all of our teams.

As a member, is my participation in any of the Booster activities "mandatory"?

No. All activities conducted by the Boosters are voluntary. Whether you would like to man a concession stand or build a press box, the choice is yours. All members are free to determine their own levels of involvement. Just like anything else in life, you'll get out of it exactly what you put into it.

What if I can't be at every meeting?

R-H Boosters welcomes anyone to attend at any time. Officers and Liaisons of the club are expected to participate on a more routine basis to ensure the administration of programs can be done in a timely and efficient manner.

Do I need any experience with athletics to participate?

Experience with athletic programs is not required, however, since we are a volunteer organization, a spirit of teamwork, cooperation and service is essential to the success of the R-H Booster Club.

What type of help is most needed?

Participation in the various programs supporting our student athletes (i.e. assistance with concession stands, or coordinating/scheduling parental involvement in various sports) is our primary need. Those interested can also serve on committees, special events coordination, fundraising, special projects, or as an officer or team liaison.

Where does the money that is collected at the gate go?

The money collected at the gate goes into the RHCSF fund and is not part of the Athletic Booster Fund.

What kind of fundraising does the Booster Club do?

The Booster Club raises funds through memberships, activities and events. We also raise funds by running concession stands and selling merchandise.

I want to help. Where do I sign up?

Great to hear! Email rhboosterclub@gmail.com to express your interest or attend a meeting.