

Athletic Mission Statement

As a vital pillar in the education of boys, athletics at Upper Canada College teaches commitment, teamwork and the pursuit of excellence.

The purpose of this letter is to introduce new families to the Upper School Interscholastic Athletic program. The Upper School has one of the largest high school athletic programs in Canada with numerous opportunities for boys to compete in interscholastic sport. Below is an explanation of the team age-group terminology:

U14 (under the age of 14 as of January 1st, 2017 OR in Year 1)

Boys in Year 1 must play at the U14 level of competition unless exceptional circumstances dictate otherwise.

U16 (under the age of 16 as of January 1st, 2017)

JV (no age restriction)

Varsity (no age restriction)

Tryouts

Tryouts for all teams are held at the beginning of each school term as posted by the coaches on their goblues.ca team pages. Some teams will have cuts and team roster limitations. Other sports are “non-cut” teams and as long as the student demonstrates the dedication required and attends regular practices and competitions; he will remain part of the team. The tryouts for Varsity level teams are held in advance of lower age-group team tryouts in order to allow boys to filter down to the age group teams if they are cut from the Varsity team.

Fall 2016 Varsity Tryouts Schedule

Varsity Football: Saturday, September 3rd @ 10:00 am, 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm (Oval Field)

Varsity Soccer: Tuesday, September 6th – 9th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm (Common’s Field)

Varsity Volleyball: Tuesday, September 6th – 9th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm (Lett Gymnasium)

All other team tryouts will start either on Thursday, September 9th or Friday September 10th. Tryout/Practice schedules will be posted on the specific Team-Page on Goblues.ca

Commitment

All students that are on a team are expected to attend all scheduled practices and games as posted by the coach unless there is illness or injury. All players and parents will sign a Commitment Letter prior to the season, which will stand as their dedication to the team throughout that season. Failure to live up to this Commitment Letter could result in that student being ineligible to play on a team the next school term or other term. There is also a clear understanding that boys and their parents will have potential family commitments. This does not include outside club team commitments. It is vital that the boys and their parents communicate any potential family conflicts with the coach well in advance.

All Upper School teams compete in the very competitive C.I.S.A.A. league. Schools are located across the province as well as the GTA and therefore travel will be necessary for game competition. Teams play games from Monday to Saturday with the exception of Thursdays. Only Varsity teams practice or play on Thursdays with rare exceptions, which will be communicated, to the boys with as much advance notice as possible. All other teams have Thursday off. Practices run from 4:00 pm to approximately 5:30 pm daily when no games are scheduled. There is an Athletic Participation Fee that will be billed to your account at the end of each school term. The fee is made up of transportation costs and uniform/equipment rental.

Boys playing on “outside club teams” and their families must have a full understanding in regards to their commitment to UCC Athletic teams as per above before trying out.

Boys are not permitted to come and go as they wish based on their outside club commitments, whether that be missing school practices or games for outside club commitments. Each commitment letter will clearly spell out what is expected from their UCC coach. There is some latitude given by UCC coaches in their commitment letters with the understanding that boys have other things going on in their lives. However, the past few years have taught us that some of the outside club coaches have no flexibility with their players and families, often dictating that the boy cannot practice or play games at school on days when their outside club team has an event. This is unacceptable, controlling behavior for an adult coach who does not have the best interests of the boy in mind. **If you have any questions in regards to this section, please contact the specific UCC coach directly.**

2016-2017 Upper School Program

FALL 2016

Cross-Country
Varsity Football
Y1 & U16 Football
Varsity Soccer
JV Soccer
U16A Soccer
U16B Soccer
U14 Soccer
Varsity Volleyball
U16 Volleyball
U14 Volleyball
Rowing: Fall 4
Y1 INTRAMURALS
Ball Hockey
Tennis
House Soccer

WINTER 2016-2017

Varsity Hockey
JV Hockey
U16 Hockey
U14 Hockey
Varsity Basketball
U16A Basketball
U16B Basketball
U14 Basketball
Varsity Squash
U16 Squash
U14 Squash
Swimming
Junior House Sports
House Hockey

SPRING 2017

Varsity Cricket
Varsity Rugby
U16 Rugby
U14 Rugby
Varsity Baseball
Varsity Golf
U16 Golf
Varsity Lacrosse
U14 Lacrosse
Rowing
Varsity Tennis
U16 Tennis
U14 Tennis
Varsity Badminton
U16 Badminton
U14 Badminton
Track & Field
House Softball

If you have any questions, or I can assist in any way, please feel free to contact me at your convenience. During the summer months, it is best to email me at my email below and I will respond as soon as I possibly can.

Best regards,

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