

## **Athletic Program Support** **Process**

Below is a suggested process list for churches planning to support athletics for a public school. It's helpful to start initial planning well enough in advance to allow time for volunteer recruiting, procurement and setup. That timeframe varies based on the type of support offered.

1. Work through the Be|Undivided "Prelaunch Planning" page (see *Strategic Planning*).
2. Meet with school contacts, working with them to find out their needs and how your resources and vision line up with theirs.
3. Determine what avenues of support for the athletic program the church seems best suited for. Some options would be offering coaching support, providing trainers, starting a booster program to encourage student athletes, and providing post-practice or post-game meals.
4. Start to fill key volunteer roles, beginning with the Athletic Program Support Director. The volunteer recruiting and training process will be an ongoing one parallel with all other steps.
5. Meet with church decision-makers, the Procurement Team (see *Strategic Planning for Volunteer Organization* document) and volunteers to develop your plan.
6. Determine what resources will be required for the athletic program support identified in your plan.
7. Develop partnerships with third parties for any desired donations, volunteers, connections, etc.
8. Begin resource procurement.
9. Determine and set up or enhance any facility needs.
10. Meet with school contacts again, finalizing details and any communication strategies needed.
11. Initiate support programs!
12. Maintain a clear communication cycle with the school about availability, problems, successes, etc.