

Attendance Policy

Applies to all CHSAA/School Sponsored Athletics

Purpose: School District 27J and our athletic departments, feel very strongly about the core values we instill in our student athletes. Being present and prepared is a lifelong value that aligns with our School Districts values. Through this value, we hope to build values that will value education and prepare our student athletes to be successful.

Excused Absence: A prior approval excuse is one which is given or received by a member of the coaching staff before the fact and not after. If an athlete must attend an appointment (doctor, dentist, etc.), a note is to be given to a coach in order for the missed practice to be excused. If an athlete must tend to academic issues that are not caused because an athlete neglected their studies, it will be excused (although every effort must be made to complete make up tests and other assignments during the regular school day - example, at lunch, ELO). Emergency situations communicated from parent or guardians to the coaching staff will be excused.

Even excused absences can carry a consequence. If an athlete is not at every practice, they may not be prepared to participate in the next event/contest.

Unexcused Absence: An absence with no prior approved excuse. No note from appointments or communication from a parent or guardian in an emergency situation. Listed below are some examples of unexcused absences.

1. Missing a required event without an accepted prior approved excuse will count as an unexcused absence.
2. Flagrant disrespect of a coach, resulting in an athlete being sent home, will be treated as an unexcused absence.
3. Leaving practice without a prior approved excuse will be treated as an unexcused absence.
4. An athlete neglecting her/his studies and misses practice will be treated as an unexcused absence.

Required team event, activity, practice, etc., will be communicated verbally to the athlete by the coaching staff.

Consequence for Unexcused absence:

1. One (1) unexcused absence will result in the athlete missing the next contest.
2. Two (2) unexcused absences will result in the athlete missing the whole week of events.
3. Three (3) unexcused absences will be dealt with by a case by case basis, and could result in suspension from the team. To become eligible to participate, the athlete must meet with the head coach.
4. Four (4) unexcused absences could result in removal from the team. This will be handled on a case by case basis as determined by the head coach.

As a coaching staff, it is impossible to identify all situations that may come up. In the event we encounter situations not covered, the coaching staff/athletic director will meet to determine appropriate actions.

School Day Attendance:

Please understand that if you have **ONE** unexcused absence during the school day, you will not be able to practice and therefore will miss the next event.