

Attendance/Missing Practice and/or Game

Each school will follow established Loudoun County Public Schools team rules regarding practice schedules and excused and unexcused absences from practice. Students are expected to abide by these rules established for each team and are **required to attend all practices and games**. In order to participate in an athletic activity or practice on any given day, an athlete or manager must report to school by 9:15 a.m. and must remain in school that entire day. Exceptions may be made for doctor or dental appointments or reasons excused by the principal or his/her designee.

An athlete must notify the coach, athletic director or principal prior to missing a practice or game. At the time of notification, a determination will be made as to whether the absence will be considered excused or unexcused, based on the reason for the absence. On the 4th unexcused absence, an athlete may be dismissed from the team.

- Unexcused absences 1-3 may result in possible disciplinary action, as deemed appropriate by the coach or the Athletic Director.

D. Conflicts with Extracurricular Activities

The athletic department recognizes that each student should have the opportunity for a broad range of experiences in the area of extracurricular activities and, to this end, will attempt to schedule events in a manner that minimizes conflicts.

An individual student who attempts to participate in several extracurricular activities will, undoubtedly, be in a position of a conflict of obligations.

Students have the responsibility to reduce the likelihood of frequent conflicts by being cautious about joining too many organizations. If it becomes obvious that a student cannot fulfill the obligation of a school activity, he/she should withdraw from that activity.

When a conflict arises, the student must contact the sponsors/coaches who will attempt to work out a solution. If a solution between the sponsor/coach cannot be found, the matter will be referred to the Principal who will make the decision based on the following considerations:

1. The relative importance of each event to the school
2. The importance of each event to the student
3. The relative contribution the student can make
4. When each event was scheduled
5. Input from parents

Once the decision has been made and the student has followed that decision, he/she will not be penalized in any way by either faculty sponsor/coach.

E. Vacation Policy

It is the expectation of the athletic department that athletes make a commitment to a team when they tryout.

Athletes are required to attend all practices/games. Vacations by athletic team members during a sport season are discouraged and each day missed may be considered an unexcused absence.

DESIGNATED NON-PRACTICE AND/OR NON-PLAY DATES
(This includes any off-season practices, conditioning or weight-lifting)

Designated non-practice/play dates for 2014-2015:

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| November 26 | December 24 | April 2 |
| November 27 | December 25 | April 3 |
| | January 1 | April 4 |

Designated non-play dates for 2014-2015: (Practices may be held)

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| September 25 | October 4 |
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Designated non-play dates after 6:00 pm for 2014-2015: (Practices may be held)

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| September 24 | October 3 |
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No Sunday practices will be held.

Athletes should be prepared to practice/play on all other holidays/teacher workdays.

An athlete must always consult his/her coach before missing a practice or game.