



East Windsor High School Athletic Department Attendance Policy

- Athletic participation is a privilege that should not be taken for granted. Student-Athletes willingly join a team and regular attendance is an important indicator of their commitment to his/her sport and the overall success of their team and our athletic program.
- When you miss a practice or game/event, it is either excused or unexcused. An **excused absence** is one where 24 hour notice is given(when applicable), a doctor's note or equivalent is provided, is a family or medical emergency, school related activities and communication has been made with the coach. Going away on vacation is **NOT** an excused absence. Parents/guardians should do everything in their power to avoid scheduling trips that require their child to miss athletics. An **unexcused absence** is when an athlete misses a practice or game/event without a valid, documented reason approved by the school or coach.
- If the athlete has an unexcused absence and misses a practice the day before a game/event, that athlete will/may not participate in that game/event. If the athlete has an unexcused absence on the day of a game/event, the athlete will sit the next game/event before being allowed to participate. While a student athlete may not participate in contests due to absence violations, they are expected to participate in practices and attend contests (as a non-participant). Non-participants should assist teammates and the coaching staff to aid the team in success. **If the athlete is in either ISS or OSS on the day of a practice or event, that athlete isn't allowed to participate.**
- Student-Athletes are required to attend all practices/competitions and stay through completion (unless otherwise specified by the coaching staff). Student-athletes are also required to travel to away contests with the team (unless an approved alternate transportation form is executed prior to the event). Daily attendance for practices/contests shall be taken by the coach in charge of the team. **Students that accrue three (3) unexcused absences or four (4) unexcused tardies from a sport within a season shall be removed from the team.** A student-athlete that has been removed from the team has 48 hours (or two school days, whichever is greater) to appeal the removal to the Athletic Director's Office in writing. A student removed from a team is not eligible to join another sports team in the same season.