



ROCK RIDGE YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (RRYHA) ATTENDANCE POLICY

(Squirts through Jr. Gold)

1. Purpose of the Attendance Policy.

The purpose of this policy is to set forth RRYHA statement of policy and procedures for handling player absences. Hockey is a team sport that requires each player to understand their responsibilities and commitments as part of a team. On-time attendance at all practices and games is critical for player development and necessary to for teamwork and team building. Please understand that by joining this association, you have made a commitment to develop as member of a team. This commitment shall take precedence over other commitments, within reason.

2. Policy and Expectations.

- Attending practices, games, and team functions will be a priority commitment for all players during the season.
- Players are expected to be on time (30 min. early to practices and games or other specific time set by the coach) and participate in pre-practice, warm-ups, chalk talks, etc.
- Excused absences are allowed throughout the season. The individual coach, who will follow the association guidelines, will determine an excused absence.
- Unexcused absences will be subject to the progressive policy outlined in this document.
- Parents and athletes are expected to be honest when it comes to communicating excused absences to the coaches.
- Parents or athletes should communicate all known absences via text message, TeamReach, or phone call to the Head Coach as soon as they are aware of an excused absence. If communication does not take place, the coach will consider this an unexcused absence.

3. Excused Absences

Examples of an excused absence include (but are not limited to):

- Player illness
- Death or serious illness in the family / Family emergency
- Mandatory school or academic event
- Previously planned vacation
- Observance of religious holiday
- Participation in a school sanctioned event (band / choir concert, etc.)

4. Unexcused Absences.

Examples of an unexcused absences include(but are not limited to):

- Oversleeping/Forgetting/Being unaware
- Haircut appointments, etc.
- Birthday parties
- Conflicts due to player participation in a school or club additional sport during the association season will be considered an unexcused absence.
- An absence is considered UNEXCUSED unless it has been communicated to the head coach
Players with unexcused absences can expect reduced playing time.

5. Playing Time Reduction for Unexcused Player Absences.

- **ONE** unexcused absence: A player may miss one unexcused practice and/or game without consequence.
- **TWO** unexcused absences: A player who misses two unexcused practices and/or games will be required to dress and sit one period of the next scheduled game.
- **THREE** unexcused absences: A player who misses three unexcused practices and/or games will be required to dress and sit the first and second period of the next scheduled game
- **FOUR** unexcused absences: A player who misses four unexcused practices and/or games will be required to dress and sit the entire (next scheduled) game
- **FIVE** unexcused absences: A player who misses five unexcused practices and/or games will be required to meet with coach, level coordinator, and Youth Hockey Director to discuss status and future with the association.