



St. James Athletic Club
Attendance Policy for Practices and Games

This policy applies to:

Boys: Football
Basketball
Baseball
Track (see special notes)

Girls: Volleyball
Basketball
Softball
Cheerleading
Track (see special notes)

The St. James Athletic Club provides quality athletic programs for our youth. Our coaches, coordinators, athletic directors and the board are all committed to provide the best possible programs which our resources will allow.

Likewise, it is necessary that each child playing a sport and his or her parent or guardian make a commitment as well. Therefore, we must ask that St. James sports activities take priority over all other activities. There are some exceptions listed below. We ask that all parents and guardians read and acknowledge our attendance policy.

- 1) All participants are expected at all practices and games.
- 2) All participants will conduct themselves in a manner which exhibits good Christian behavior at all times.
- 3) All participants **MUST** notify their coach **PRIOR** to missing any game or practice regardless of whether the absence is considered **EXCUSED** or not.
- 4) **EXCUSED ABSENCES** are considered as follows:
 - Illness, Injury (sick or injured children have no business at practice or a game)
 - Schoolwork
 - Family vacations or commitments (wedding, funerals, etc.)
- 5) **UNEXCUSED ABSENCES** will be handled as follows:
 - 1st Unexcused Absence - Minimum playing time as required by league rules for the next game.
 - 2nd Unexcused Absence - No playing time at next game. However, participant is expected to attend.
 - 3rd Unexcused Absence - No playing time at any future game until the matter is resolved by a meeting with the parents/guardian and the coach and/or coordinator.
- 6) Other Sports – With prior notice to, and approval of the head coach, a player **MAY** be given permission to miss a St. James practice in order to play a game of a same sport for another sports club or organization. This is solely at the head coach's discretion, and does not apply to participation in a game of a different sport.
- 7) Special Guideline for Track – The attendance policy for Track may be relaxed due to the nature of the sport and the fact that it is run concurrently with St. James Softball and Baseball.