

CCA Girls Lacrosse Attendance Policy

Attendance at all practices and games is extremely important, and is considered mandatory. The success of any team as a whole depends upon proper preparation by each team member. We ask that all players and parents/guardians read and acknowledge our attendance policy:

Excused Absences from Practice:

- Excused absences from practices that are not “pre-game” practices should be communicated to the coach, who will work with the player to ensure she receives pertinent information.
- Excused absences from “pre-game” practices mean that the player may not start the following day.
- Any instances of repeated absences will be addressed by the coach and may carry additional consequences.
- Any outside commitment that will result in recurring absences (i.e. club sports, a job, etc.) will need to be addressed with your coach at the beginning of the season, and each case will be addressed individually.

Unexcused Absences from Practice:

- Unexcused absence from any practice will result in that player’s disqualification from at least half of the following game.
- Unexcused absences from a “pre-game” practice mean that the player may not play at all the following day.
- Unexcused absences will carry a “three strikes” policy. Any player who accumulates 3 unexcused absences during the season will receive further consequences and may be asked to turn in her uniform.

• Examples of Excused Absences	Examples of Unexcused Absences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illness that keeps you home from school • Making up an exam/test • Meeting with a teacher/counselor/school professional • Doctor’s appointments (within reason) • Family-related commitments that are communicated at least 48 hours in advance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework • Doctor’s appointments that could be avoided during practice hours • Concerts/birthday parties/etc. • Any absence that is not illness/injury/teacher related that is communicated less than 24 hours in advance • Injury (see injury policy for exceptions)

**Note: Coaches have final discretion in all instances to determine whether an absence is excused or unexcused.*

Absences from Games/Tournaments:

- No player should miss more than 2 games during the season, regardless of whether the reasons are excused.
- Repeated absences from games may result in a player losing playing time in future games or being asked to turn in her uniform.

Riding the Bus:

- Players are expected to ride the bus TO games at all times. Players who miss the bus TO a game may not start in that game.
- Players are expected to ride the bus home from games whenever possible. Exceptions may be granted in extenuating circumstances. Players should not expect to be excused more than 2-3 times during the season.

Attendance for Injured Players:

- Injured players are expected to attend practices and games, provided that attendance does not compromise recovery.
- Physical Therapy and other rehabilitation is of course excused and encouraged in order to speed recovery
- Adjustments may be made to accommodate injuries in terms of riding bus, early release, etc. at coach’s discretion.