

EHS Poms: Missing Practices

Please note that there are some legitimate reasons for missing practice that will not have a major impact on your competing in the following matches. They include the following:

1. Illness
2. Injury
3. Educational reason that could not be avoided (taking of SAT or ACT exam)
4. Participation in a school-sponsored event (concert, National Honor Society, etc.)

There are other reasons that will have a direct impact on your participating in events/performances following your absence. They include the following:

1. Unexcused absence from school
2. In or out of school suspension
3. Homework that could have been completed at another time
4. Work scheduling that could have been arranged differently
5. Decision by player to go hunting, skiing, or to participate in another extra curricular activity during the season

If a player is ill and notifies their coach prior to practice to let them know the situation or if they are on the absentee list as sick but they are healthy enough to participate in the next game/competition/pep rally, these players will not be subject to disciplinary actions. However, it's important to note that if a dancer misses a practice in which formations are being set for a dance, they will not be included as a performer in that dance. Exceptions will be made on a case by case basis.

If an athlete is absent from school for no apparent reason, misses practice or gets in trouble in school resulting in some type of school disciplinary action, there will be a penalty. A student-athlete that is suspended from school cannot participate in an athletic event on the day of the suspension. Athletes may or may not participate in a function following the return from the suspension. That will be up to the discretion of the coach.

The same applies for players who choose to miss practice or games to participate in extra-curricular activities (travel, skiing, etc). It will be up to the discretion of the coach as to how much time a player misses for an unexcused absence from practice.

Homework is a necessary part of high school life, however, there are enough hours in the day, especially considering that most of our practice sessions are right after school, for you to complete your assignments. You have to learn how to budget your time. The same goes for after school jobs. We strive very hard to give you enough notice so that you can arrange your work schedules such that they do not conflict with our practice times. Please communicate with us regarding trouble completing homework, preparing for tests, etc.

Remember that we are in this together and with a limited number of athletes, we cannot afford to have players miss practice for illegitimate reasons. This hurts the team and your teammates and undermines the work that all of us are putting in.

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