



# RIVER CITY ATHLETICS

<b>Title: Practice, Game, and Tournament Attendance Policy</b>	
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**SCOPE** All River City Players, Families, Coaches, and Teams

**PURPOSE** This policy is designed to foster a committed, disciplined, and supportive environment for all players and their families.

**POLICY** This policy outlines the expectations for player attendance at practices, games, and tournaments during the Maine State Premier League (MSPL) spring season. Adherence to these guidelines ensures team cohesion, player development, and a positive experience for all participants.

**PROCEDURE –**

**1. Practice Attendance -**

- Frequency & Duration: Teams typically train twice per week from mid-February through the first weekend of June.
- Minimum Attendance: Players are expected to attend at least 75% of scheduled practices.
- Consequences for Low Attendance: Missing more than 50% of practices without valid reasons may result in reduced playing time or other team-related consequences.
- Communication: Players, Parents or Guardians must notify the head coach at least 24 hours in advance if a player cannot attend a practice.

**2. Game Attendance**

- U12–U19 teams: There are six game weekends, typically Sundays, from the last weekend of March through the weekend prior to Memorial Day. The league finals are held the first weekend of June.
- U9–U11 Teams: These teams have six regularly scheduled game weekends, lasting until the second weekend of June, starting in mid to late April.
- Minimum Attendance: Players are expected to attend all scheduled games.
- Consequences for Non-Attendance: Failure to attend games without valid reasons may result in reduced playing time or other team-related consequences.
- Communication: Players, Parents, or guardians must notify the head coach at least 48 hours in advance if a player cannot attend a game.

### **3. Tournament Attendance**

- Memorial Day Weekend Classic in Amherst, NH: All River City Athletics teams attend the annual Memorial Day tournament played in and around Amherst, NH. Participation in this tournament is included in the club fee structure. All players are expected to attend this tournament.
- Additional Tournaments: Participation in additional preseason or postseason tournaments is considered a special event and may incur additional out-of-pocket costs.
- Commitment: Players are expected to attend all scheduled tournaments.
- Communication: Players, Parents, or Guardians must notify the head coach as early as possible if a player cannot attend a tournament.

### **4. Excused Absences**

- Valid reasons for missing practices, games, or tournaments include:
  - Illness or injury
  - Family emergencies
  - Conflicting school events or obligations
  - Religious observances
- All other reasons are considered unexcused and may impact the player's standing on the team.

### **5. Consequences for Non-Compliance**

- Failure to meet attendance expectations may result in:
  - Reduced playing time
  - Temporary suspension from team activities
  - Permanent removal from the team

Any disciplinary actions will be determined by the head coach in consultation with the team manager and Boys or Girls Director, Director of Coaching, and Club President.

### **6. Communication**

Open and timely communication is essential. Parents or guardians must:

- Notify the head coach at least:
  - 24 hours in advance if a player cannot attend a practice
  - 48 hours in advance if a player cannot attend a game
  - As soon as possible if a player cannot attend a tournament, prior to the tournament deadline for roster finalization
- Provide valid reasons for any absences.
- Respond promptly to any communications from the coach or team manager.

**\*\* Acknowledgment \*\***

By participating in River City Athletics, players and their families agree to adhere to this Attendance Policy. Failure to comply may affect the player's participation and standing within the club.

**REFERENCES**

**ATTACHMENTS**

NA

**This document was approved by the committee(s) noted below on the date(s) as noted:**