



PLAYERS ATTENDANCE & ELIGIBILITY POLICY

Adherence to these policies is expected from all players and families. Failure to meet attendance or communication expectations may result in reduced playing time or additional consequences as determined by the coaching staff and the Kirkwood High School hockey board.

COMMUNICATION EXPECTATIONS (Applies to Attendance and Dual-Team Participation)

Players and families are responsible for the following communication expectations:

- Text your coach of any absence, late arrival, or scheduling conflict
- Include a parent or guardian in all communications.
- Provide coaches with as much advance notice as possible for any practices or games that will be missed, ideally at least 24 hours before the absence. This allows coaches to plan practices effectively and prepare appropriate game rosters.
- If you are a swing player / rostered on two teams, notify both coaches (both coaches should be aware of any conflict with either team and any absence from either team).
 - When conflicts arise, coaches will collaborate to determine which team's practice or game the player should prioritize.

ATTENDANCE & GAME ELIGIBILITY POLICY

1. PURPOSE

This policy establishes clear expectations regarding player attendance, communication requirements, and game eligibility to ensure accountability, consistency, and team commitment across the organization.

2. PRACTICE REQUIREMENT FOR GAME ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to participate in a team's game during a given week:

- A player must attend at least one team practice during that week to be eligible for that given team.
- Exceptions may be granted at the discretion of the coaching staff in cases of illness, injury, or unavoidable conflicts that were properly communicated in advance.

3. SCRATCHED PLAYERS

If a player is scratched from a game:

- The player is still expected to attend the game and support the team from the bench.
- If attendance is not possible, the player (with parent communication) must notify the coach in advance and receive approval.