

Attendance Policy

ST. ALBANS SKATING ASSOCIATION

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Player Attendance Policy

The St. Albans Skating Association (SASA) is committed to providing a positive, structured, and team-focused environment that supports player development, teamwork, and respect for others. Consistent attendance at practices, games, and team activities is important to both individual growth and overall team success.

1. Commitment to the Team

Players who accept a roster position on a SASA team are expected to make a reasonable commitment to their team for the duration of the season. Attendance at scheduled team activities helps ensure a positive experience for all players.

Scheduled activities may include:

- Practices
- Games
- Tournaments
- Team meetings
- Team functions

2. Practice Attendance

Players are encouraged to attend all scheduled practices whenever possible.

- If a player must miss a practice, the player or parent/guardian should notify the coach in advance.
- Consistent attendance helps with player development, team chemistry, and preparation for games.

3. Game Attendance

Games are an important part of the team experience, and players are expected to make every effort to attend.

- If a player cannot attend a game, the coach should be notified as soon as possible.

- Late arrival or missed games may affect playing time at the coach's discretion.

4. Excused Absences

SASA understands that players may have other commitments. Examples of acceptable absences may include:

- Illness or injury
- Family emergency
- Other special circumstances communicated in advance

Families are required to communicate an absence 24 hours before a missed practice or earlier, whenever possible.

5. Communication Expectations

Clear communication between families and coaches is essential.

- Parents/guardians should notify the coach as soon as possible when a player cannot attend.
- Repeated absences without communication may impact team participation.

6. Playing Time and Participation

SASA supports fair participation for all players while also recognizing the importance of commitment.

- Coaches may consider attendance, effort, attitude, and team needs when determining playing time.
- The goal is to balance development, fairness, and team success.

7. Policy Enforcement

Failure to follow attendance expectations may result in:

- Reduced playing time
- Temporary suspension from team activities
- Review by the coaching staff and/or SASA leadership if concerns continue

8. Acknowledgment

Participation in SASA indicates agreement to follow association policies.

Players and families are expected to support the goals of the program by demonstrating respect, communication, and commitment to their team.