

Slinger Owls Baseball

Attendance Policy

As members of a program commitment is crucial. We expect players to be at all meetings, practices, competitions, and program events (fundraiser events, volunteer work, hosting Slinger On Base Tournaments). We understand that life happens from time to time, and the affected athlete may or may not have control over their ability to be physically present with the team. However, we also must appreciate that during that time our other athletes are working – either competitively on the field or supporting our program function. As in life, we unfortunately cannot do it all and, therefore, missing any practices, competitions, and/or program events may result in missed opportunities for affected athletes as follows:

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

Definition: Excused Absences are considered the following: Sickness, injury, necessary medical treatment or appointment, religious event, wedding, funeral.

Missed Opportunities: Minimally the affected player could not start in the game where he would have started. Please note, attendance is still encouraged for any injured athletes and will be taken into consideration should the affected player be released during the season.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES:

Definition: Unexcused Absences include but are not limited to the following: Vacations, jobs, extracurriculars, skipping.

Missed Opportunities: Minimally the affected player could be suspended for 1 game, potentially more based on severity/number of unexcused absence(s).

The coach for that team always considers and makes the best decision possible taking into consideration things like time missed, number of practices before the next game, improvement of fellow teammates while the affected player was absent. The final coach decision is based on impact to the entire team on when the affected player may return to competition.

We appreciate your understanding that when athletes miss a practice, competition or program event, other athletes may have improved, developed team chemistry, and earned additional playing time.

Coaches will communicate playing expectations to each player affected should circumstances arise where practices, games or program events are missed.