Ardrey Kell Track & Field Attendance & Tardy Policy

PHILOSOPHY: We strongly believe that success in Track, as in any endeavor, is dependent on consistent effort and commitment to long-term team goals. While we certainly encourage the development of well-rounded individuals, we also recognize that the value of athletics cannot be realized if the athlete is unable to make a full commitment to his sport. This may require that athletes have to make difficult choices; however, for the word ‘team’ to have meaning, all members must be willing to make equivalent sacrifices.

Each athlete will be assigned a specific event coach. Your event coach will take attendance every practice. You are responsible for emailing your event coach directly AS SOON AS YOU ARE AWARE of a practice you cannot attend.

EVENT COACHES

Women's Distance - Brandon Webb (brandon1.webb@cms.k12.nc.us)

Men's Distance - Garrett Roberts (garrets.roberts@cms.k12.nc.us)

Sprints/Hurdles - Lamont Varner- (varnerl@westinghouse.com)

Sprints/Jumps - Kris Jones (mr.krisj80@gmail.com)

Throws/Jumps - Rebecca Jachym (Rebecca.jachym@cms.k12.nc.us)

Pole Vault - Katherine Franchi (Katherinen.franchi@cms.k12.nc.us)

Your absence will be classified into one of three possible categories: EXCUSED, PROVISIONAL, or UNEXCUSED. Parental contact is required ahead of time for any absence to be considered excused or provisional.

3 Provisional=1 Unexcused

2 Unexcused=Dismissal from team

Absence list will be posted on-line, and updated each week.

Excused Absence

1. Illness (please notify the event coach if the athlete is staying home from school due to illness) NOTE-If you attend school, you are expected to attend practice (your practice may be modified if you are not feeling well based on a conversation with your coach)

2. Family Emergency (requires email from parent/guardian explaining the situation)

3. Observance of Religious Holiday (coach should be notified well in advance)

Provisional Absence

1. SAT/ACT prep or Drivers Ed Courses
2. Band or orchestra concert (students in band/orchestra should notify coaches well in advance of potential conflicts. In some cases, we will allow athletes to leave practice early so that they do not have to take a 'provisional')

3. Vacations (freshman only)

4. Family celebrations (weddings, bar mitzvahs, anniversary parties, etc.)

5. Orthodontist/Dental/Doctor appointments (please try to schedule around practice)

6. College Visits (note: students missing Friday & Saturday will be charged 2 absences)

**Unexcused Absence**

1. Oversleeping

2. Haircut appointments

3. Birthday parties

4. Concerts or professional/college sporting events

5. Extended Prom Weekend

6. Vacation (soph-senior)

7. Job or volunteering

8. Staying home to do homework/working on a group project (should be scheduled around practice)

9. Practice for another sport or activity (music lessons, boy scouts, chess club, etc.)

10. Leaving a meet or practice early without permission

11. Missing practice for any of the reasons listed under "provisional" without notifying coaches *ahead of time*

**Tardies**

Athletes are expected to be at all practices and competitions on time. Students arriving late should have a pass from a teacher. Practice times and locations will be posted on our team website. Any student arriving after the scheduled practice time who does not have a pass will be considered tardy.

**Other notes**

-Practice times are dependent on space availability. Practice times and locations will be posted on our website by Sunday afternoon for the coming week.

-If a student needs to see a teacher after school or make up a test, they should report to practice immediately afterwards, with a pass from their teacher. When possible, the student should also notify the coach ahead of time that they will be late to practice.

-It is particularly important to notify us well in advance of any competitions you will miss, as we are required to submit entries for most meets one week in advance. If you are entered in an event for a Track meet and then do not attend, we are not able to substitute another athlete. This means we get zero points for that event and also that we are unable to provide the opportunity to compete to another athlete on our team. **DO NOT TELL US ON FRIDAY THAT YOU ARE GOING TO BE MISSING A MEET ON SATURDAY!**
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PHILOSOPHY: Our goal is to run a program where athletes are expected to make a significant commitment to self-improvement, yet which does allow for some consideration of external obligations. We strongly believe that success in Track & Field, as in any endeavor, is dependent on consistent effort and commitment to long-term term goals. Participation in high school athletics is not a right but a privilege; while we support all athletes, regardless of ability level, we feel that to earn the privilege of being on the team, all members must be willing to make an equivalent sacrifice. While we certainly encourage the development of well-rounded individuals, we also recognize that the value of athletics cannot be truly realized if the athlete is unable to make a full commitment to his sport. This may require that athletes have to make some difficult choices, but the team will derive strength from the shared sense of sacrifice that all individual members are making.

Please contact the coaching staff as soon as you are aware of an upcoming absence. We can also answer questions as to which category an absence may fall under (excused, provisional, or unexcused).

**Excused Absence**
1. Illness
2. Family Emergency
3. Observance of Religious Holiday
4. Meeting with a teacher for academic reasons (however, athlete is to report directly to practice after the meeting, with a pass from the teacher).

**Provisional Absence**
1. SAT/ACT test prep courses
2. Drivers Education course
3. Band or orchestra concert
4. Vacations (freshman only)
5. Family celebrations (weddings, bar mitzvahs, annivestary parties, etc.)
6. Orthodontist/Dental/Doctor appointments (please try to schedule around practice)
7. College Visits (note: students missing Friday & Saturday will be charged 2 absences)
8. Leaving practice early for another commitment

**Unexcused Absence**
1. Oversleeping
2. Haircut appointments
3. Birthday parties
4. Concerts or professional/college sporting events
5. Extended Prom Weekend
6. Vacation (soph-senior)
7. Job or volunteering
8. Staying home to do homework/working on a group project (should be scheduled around practice)
9. Practice for any other sport
10. Club/Activity (for example, missing practice for ‘radio club’ is unexcused)
11. Missing practice for any of the reasons listed under “provisional” without notifying coaches *ahead of time*

**Tardies**
Athletes are expected to be at all practices and competitions on time. Weekday practices begin at 3:00 on the Track. Students arriving after this time should have a pass from a teacher. Any student arriving after the scheduled practice time who does not have a pass will be considered tardy.

**Any combination of three provisional absences or tardies equals one Unexcused**

**Two Unexcused absences results in dismissal from the team**