

# 2019 Madison Track & Field Absence Policy

As coaches, we understand that athletes and their families are busy and that occasionally, an athlete may miss practice. In order for this team to be successful, attendance to practices is extremely important, which is why we ask that you try and schedule around our practice times.

## Excused Absences

Our policy regarding athletes being excused from practice is as follows:

The school and/or coaches must receive a note signed by the parent/guardian, OR an email from the parent/guardian, OR a phone call from the parent/guardian, **before the practice that the athlete is to be excused from**. Practices begin at 3:50 on Monday-Thursday, and a couple of Fridays at 2:50 (because of the early release schedule). If the note, email or phone call is not received before the beginning of practice, the absence will be considered unexcused. Contact the school or coaches directly to set up an excused absence. If contacting the office, make sure they place a note in Coach Erickson's mailbox. PLEASE PLAN AHEAD.

During our normal practice weeks, we'll have practice Monday – Wednesday with a meet on Thursday. **If an athlete misses two or more days of practice in a week, even if they are excused, the athlete may not be allowed to compete in the track meet on Thursday.** However, they will still be welcome to ride the bus with the team and support their team mates.

## Unexcused Absences

All of the athletes on the Madison Track & Field team are expected to attend all scheduled practices, as well as be on time. Unexcused absences will not be tolerated. If a student misses practice without the school having any notification from a parent or guardian before the beginning of the practice, the absence will be considered unexcused. A phone call, email or note from the parent or guardian, notifying the school or coaches of an athlete's absence, will only be accepted **before** the start of each practice, otherwise the absence will be considered unexcused. PLEASE PLAN AHEAD. Of course, there are rare circumstances where notification cannot be made prior to the absence due to an emergency.

*One unexcused absence in a week may result in a loss of an event at the next track meet, especially an athlete's spot on the relay team.*

*If an athlete has two unexcused absences in one week they will not be allowed to participate in that week's track meet.*

*Three unexcused absences in a week will result in suspension, and further absences will lead to dismissal from the team.*

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