



MHD Lacrosse Select Unexcused Absences Policy

Over the last couple of years we have tried to establish clear guidelines on “excused” vs. “unexcused” absences for participation on our Town U13 and U15 Select Lacrosse Teams. We would like to share our Program Policy for unexcused absences from games and practices to members of the Select Teams. Said absences can be for missing an entire game, missing the 1st half or having to leave after the 3rd quarter for another sporting event, or repeatedly missing practice. Essentially we have a low tolerance for this as this is a competitive team seeking members that are dedicated to the game of lacrosse.

Due to the extremely difficult selection process and the many boys that did not make the team we do not want to encourage our athletes to play on multiple teams/sports if it means their commitment to this team does not come first. There are plenty of boys eager for that spot. In addition, this is not fair to the other players that have dedicated themselves to the team and its success.

Where we know we can not avoid excused absences from games or practices for health, family, school or religious reasons, our policy focuses on unexcused game absences. We have a 3 Strike Program Policy:

- 1st unexcused absence will result with player sitting out for ½ of next game
- 2nd unexcused absence will result in a full game suspension
- 3rd unexcused absence will result with the player being dismissed from the squad

We know that practices may also need to be missed, but multiple unexcused absences from practice will be dealt with at the discretion of the coach.

We hope that you are comfortable with these guidelines and if you feel that they are not consistent with our communication from the outset please let us know. We ask that each of you will please make your coaches aware of any absences from practice or a game. Thanks!

Marblehead Boys Youth Lacrosse Board