

Indiana University East Policy for Approved Absence of Student Athletes

Student athletes are required to attend all classes. At any time, the Director of Athletics and/or Compliance Coordinator may declare an athlete ineligible for practice and competition when, in his/her opinion, a student athlete's academic status so warrants.

Approved Absences

Defined:

Scheduled, college-approved athletic events that require student athletes to miss class. Athletic competitions are considered approved absences (in no case should students miss class to attend athletic practice). In cases where travel is required, students must attend all classes which do not conflict with the latest possible departure time.

Policy:

For approved absences, student athletes are expected to personally inform the instructor in advance of the planned absence. This notice should be given no later than the last class before the anticipated absence. Instructors will make reasonable accommodations to minimize the disruption to the student athlete's educational experience. Instructors may require scheduled assignments, papers, quizzes and exams to be completed before the missed class. When student athletes miss unique in-class learning experiences, faculty members may require appropriate substitute assignments. If a student athlete fails to notify faculty in advance of approved absences, the faculty member may consider the absence unexcused. Faculty members will work with student athletes to allow them to complete appropriate make-up work, but students bear the ultimate responsibility for all missed class material.

Instructors will not place restrictions on approved absences. If an instructor has concerns about an approved absence, the instructor should resolve the concern with the Faculty Athletic Representative or coach. If the concern cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of all parties, then the matter should be brought before the Executive Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs who will make the final decision.