

Indiana University East

Policy for the Approved Absence of Students Participating in Athletic Events

Introduction

Student athletic programs are a longstanding and integral part of Indiana University. Participants in the University's athletic programs - students, coaches, and other faculty and staff are covered by the laws, regulations, policies, and procedures applicable to other members of the University community. In addition, these participants and Indiana University East are subject to a wide variety of requirements promulgated by Indiana University, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, and federal and state government authorities designed to protect student athletes, ensure the integrity of the University's athletic programs, and promote fair competition. Indiana University East is committed to full compliance with all of these requirements.

Students participating in scheduled, Indiana University East approved athletic events may occasionally be unable to attend class. In cases where travel is required, students must attend all classes which do not conflict with the latest possible departure time. It is the basic assumption that students participating in athletic events are first and foremost students and are required to attend all classes, but for regularly scheduled games and competitions, faculty will regard these as approved absences.

Approved absences do not include practices. It is incumbent upon coaches to make it clear that there will be no tolerance for athletes missing class to attend practice. Practice times should be scheduled well in advance so students can minimize conflicts between class and practice times.

Procedure:

1. During the first week of class, students will make faculty aware of the dates where conflicts will occur during the semester. Faculty will then inform students if accommodations can be made and, if so, provide students with a general understanding of what the accommodations will be.
2. Students bear the ultimate responsibility for learning missed class material. Accommodations made by faculty are intended to maximize their academic success.
3. Faculty will not place restrictions on approved absences. If faculty believe accommodations cannot be made they will inform students of this during the first week of class.
4. To avoid misunderstandings, accommodations should be written and signed by faculty and student. A copy of this document should be made available to the coach.
5. Faculty concerns about abuses of approved absences will be directed to the Faculty Athletic Representative. If concerns cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of all parties, then the matter will be brought before the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs who will make the final decision.