

Policy

It is the policy of Upper Cape Spartans (UCS) to adhere to strict attendance policies. In building a successful team mentality and instilling the core values the UCS promotes; it is extremely important to be present at all practices and games. The success of the participant and the team is dependent on the full participation and maximum effort of each member.

Parent and Participant Commitment

Discipline, accountability, and perseverance are important traits. The rewards felt from completing the challenges of a football season are priceless. Being an Upper Cape Spartan involves more than simply participating in football or cheer. The lessons learned are the basis for understanding the attributes, character-traits and values it takes to win at life. The commitment your child makes is to be a member of a team and give 100% effort. This also carries on to you, the parent. The UCS understands our schedule is rigorous and we want all participants to gain something from our program, but they cannot do it without you.

Attendance

Participation

Attendance at practices and games is mandatory. If a participant cannot attend a practice or game, he or she must notify their head coach in advance and provide the coach with the reason for the absence. Practices/games will be excused for medical or dental appointments, illness, death in the family, and academic/religious events in which the player or cheerleader is a participant without question. Unexcused practices shall be handled at the head coach's discretion. Failure to adhere to the team's attendance policy may result in suspension for one or more games and continued unexcused absences may result in the removal from the program for the remainder of the season.

Practice

Participants are prohibited from leaving practice or a game without a coach's permission. The participant must stay with the coach until picked up by an adult and the participants' departure is communicated to a member of the coaching staff.

Scheduling Changes

Practices are scheduled on the basis of the availability of practice areas and the needs of the team. Times may vary but a schedule will generally be set at the beginning of each season. Every attempt will be made to adhere to this schedule. However; the schedule may change and all participants will be notified of these changes. If the schedule is changed without adequate notice, the participant will not be charged with an unexcused absence.

Parent Responsibility & Communications

It is the responsibility of all parents to review periodic postings or handouts (via website, emails, texts, etc.) from the UCS and its coaches, with respect to additional attendance requirements and associated consequences for failure to comply that may be implemented from time to time.

Unexcused Absences

Any participant who has three (3) or more unexcused absences during any week (Sunday through Saturday) or has more than ten (10) unexcused absences during the course of the season may be cut from the team. All unexcused absences must be documented by the head coach; reviewed by the UCS President and reported to the Blackstone Valley Executive Board prior to the participant being cut.

Right to Amend or Terminate Policy

The UCS office of Trust Protectors reserve the right to modify, amend, suspend or terminate this policy, its standard practices and its administrative procedures at any time, in their sole discretion.