

PLAYER ATTENDANCE POLICY

1. All upper teams in the Burnsville Hockey Club are **‘traveling’** teams and are designated as ‘A’, ‘B’ or ‘C’ level as defined by our governing body, Minnesota Hockey. ‘A’ level will typically have more practice time and team events than ‘B’ level and ‘B’ level will typically have more than ‘C’ level. There is a similar correlation in the increase of the amount of practices and team events as you progress from Squirt/U10 level toward Bantam/U14 level. The BHC understands that not all players/families want to dedicate as much time to the sport of hockey so families are given the opportunity to request to not play above a certain level if they desire. That request should be made in writing to the VP of Development PRIOR to tryouts unless the player desires to play at ‘C’ level (‘B’ level for girls). Players at these levels do not participate in tryouts and will be assigned to a team after tryouts are completed so no notification is required.

No matter what level of hockey a player desires to play it is important to understand that hockey is a team sport and practices and other team events are critical to overall team development. Players must make every effort to attend ALL team functions throughout the season. If a player realizes that they have a conflict and will be unable to attend a team event they must notify the Coach as soon as possible. Players will be excused for occasional absences due to:

- a) Sickness or injury
 - b) Church/Religion classes
 - c) Required school obligations
 - d) Major family obligations
2. It is up to each Head Coach to communicate their specific team policy regarding attendance at the start of the season and to make clear what the expectations of all players on that team will be. Coaches are allowed to limit playing time in games or scrimmages for players who miss team events for any reason other than those stated above. If a player is going to be ‘benched’ for any part of a game due to an absence the coach must notify the player of their status prior to the start of the game. It is expected that the team rules regarding attendance will be applied in a consistent and defined manner to all players of the team.
 3. All club players are subject to the B.H.C.’s *‘Players Code of Conduct’ and Academic Standards.*