

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Policy for Missed Campus Days Due to Athletic Competition

The Kansas State University Intercollegiate Athletic Council (IAC) recognizes that regular class attendance is crucial to good academic performance. The IAC also recognizes the active role both coaches and professors have played, and will continue to play, in exerting strong influences on their student-athletes' attitudes toward academic performance, including class attendance. It is understood that conflicts resulting from the schedule of athletic events may sometimes necessitate missing classes, but the Athletic Department must take an active role in minimizing class absences whenever possible.

The IAC therefore establishes the following:

Policy

No team or individual schedule for any sport, during any season, except as noted below, will be approved (a) if it occurs or requires travel during or 24 hours before the final examination period, or (b) if it provides that a student athlete will miss more than the equivalent of nine (9) campus days (days away from campus) if a freshman or sophomore or 10 campus days if a junior or senior, in any semester, as a result of the scheduling of athletic competition.

Exceptions

Exceptions to the number of campus days missed (days away from campus) must be considered on an individual basis by the IAC Academic Advisory Subcommittee in consultation with the Director of Student Services for Intercollegiate Athletics (SSIA) and referred, with recommendation, to the IAC as a whole. The IAC Academic Advisory Subcommittee may act upon exception requests that require attention between the regular meetings of the IAC. Actions taken by the Academic Advisory Subcommittee must be reported at the next regular meeting of the IAC and are subject to revision by the Council. For definitions of exceptions and for exception guidelines see Attachment A.

Post regular season competition requiring an athlete to miss more than 9 campus days (days away from campus) if a freshman or sophomore or 10 campus days if a junior or senior will not require an exception request to be filed with the IAC Academic Advisory Subcommittee provided the athlete has satisfactory academic performance as determined by the SSIA Director. Post season competition is described as:

- NCAA-sanctioned national championships
- Big Twelve tournaments, playoffs
- National and regional competition invitations (NIT Basketball, US Amateur Golf Tournament, etc.)

Other exceptions may be recommended by the IAC for good cause, and should be reported in the Council's minutes.

One-half (1/2) day will be considered missed when a competition or travel associated with it is scheduled to commence prior to 2:00 p.m., but after 12:00 noon. When a competition or travel associated with it is scheduled to commence prior to 12:00 noon, a full day will be considered missed. When the scheduled termination is after 12:00 noon, one full day will be considered missed; when termination is prior to 12:00 noon, one-half day will be considered missed.

Missed campus days (days away from campus) will be monitored by coaches and the office of the SSIA Director. (See Missed Campus Day (MCD) form and procedures, Attachment B) When considering petitions for exceptions, the IAC Academic Advisory Subcommittee will review MCD reports.

The approval of a team schedule pursuant to this policy in no way relates to any student-athlete's satisfaction of a particular course requirement. Athletes should, during the first two weeks of the semester, discuss with each of their professors the potential for missed classes due to travel to athletic contests. The discussion should include how many class sessions will be missed, a determination if the student will be able to complete course requirements, and if so, specific ways in which the student may satisfy course requirements for attendance, class work, examinations, or other assignments. It is the responsibility of each student-athlete to arrange with his/her respective instructors his/her satisfaction of course requirements for attendance, class-work, examinations, or other assignments.

Final Week Exceptions

Exception requests during and 24 hours before the final exam period must follow the procedures identified in the University Handbook, sections F-72 through F-74.

Reporting

At the end of spring and fall semesters, the head coach of each sport will submit to their supervising Associate Athletic Director and the SSIA Director, the final MCD report with an accurate number of campus days and/or class sessions missed by each athlete for athletic competition reasons and the academic status data for athletes granted an exception during the semester.

The Associate Athletic Directors will review and summarize the MCD reports and forward the results and appropriate recommendations to the Athletic Director.

The Athletic Director will use the MCD reports and appropriate recommendations in annual evaluations of head coaches.

At the first IAC meeting following each semester (usually February and June), the Athletic Director will report on actual missed campus days and/or class sessions to the Intercollegiate Athletic Council. Reports will be made in closed session if necessitated by Buckley Amendment constraints.

Approved exceptions and violations of the missed campus day policy will be reported to the University President by the Chairperson of the IAC.

GUIDELINES FOR EXCEPTIONS TO THE NUMBER OF
MISSED CAMPUS DAYS DUE TO ATHLETIC COMPETITION
Attachment A

The following are guidelines the IAC Academic Advisory Subcommittee will use when an exception to the missed campus day policy is requested. All requests for exceptions will be made in writing to the Academic Advisory Subcommittee chair by the SSIA Director.

Definitions:

full exception: no restriction on number of campus days missed (days away from campus)

conditional exception: A conditional exception limits the number of missed class sessions to 9 sessions per course if a freshman or sophomore or 10 sessions per course if a junior or senior.

(Days away from campus will only be counted as missed campus days if the athlete actually misses class sessions.)

- A. In order for a student athlete to be granted a *full exception* beyond nine or ten (9 or 10) days, he/she must have:
- an overall K-State GPA of 3.0 or above (this does not include GPA's from other institutions for first semester K-State students)
 - received at least a 2.0 semester GPA for semesters when an exception was approved. If at least a 2.0 GPA was not achieved, the athlete's exception request will be considered using Guideline C.
 - satisfactory class performance in all current semester classes. (Satisfactory performance as determined by the SSIA Director. Exception may be revoked by the SSIA Director if the athlete fails to maintain satisfactory class performance throughout the course of the semester.)
- B. In order for a student athlete to be granted a *conditional exception* beyond nine or ten (9 or 10) days, he/she must:
- have a 2.5 - 2.99 CUM GPA (KSU Classes)
 - not miss more than nine or ten (9 or 10) actual class sessions per course during the semester for athletic competition reasons.
 - have received at least a 2.0 semester GPA for semesters when an exception was approved. If at least a 2.0 GPA was not achieved, the athlete's exception request will be considered using Guideline C.
 - have satisfactory class performance in all current semester classes. (Satisfactory performance as determined by the SSIA Director. Exception may be revoked by the SSIA Director if the athlete fails to maintain satisfactory class performance throughout the course of the semester.)
- C. Student athletes not meeting the standards detailed in Guidelines A and B will find it less likely to be granted an exception. However, in individual cases an exception may be made. The information listed below must be submitted to the IAC Academic Advisory Subcommittee for each student not meeting the above standards and for whom an exception is requested.
- GPA for the preceding semester
 - cumulative GPA
 - class standing (Fr, So, Jr, Sr, Gr), total credit hours earned
 - progress report for all semester classes (to date of the request)
 - request for the specific dates above the nine or ten (9 or 10) day limit
 - class schedule (SRVA screen)
 - grade information for previous semesters when an exception was approved

The IAC suggests that coaches evaluate the competition schedule for each athlete that could potentially miss more than nine (9) campus days if a freshman or sophomore or ten (10) campus days if a junior or senior. If any athlete does not have course work grade standards required to be considered under Guidelines A and B, the choice on which competitions to delete from the athlete's schedule should be made early in the semester. Furthermore, the IAC suggests that coaches share the IAC Missed Campus Day Policy with student athletes.

