

## **Delmarva Raptors Attendance Policy**

### **Purpose of Attendance Policy**

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the Delmarva Raptors statement of policy and procedures for handling player absences. Hockey is a team sport that requires every player to know their responsibilities and perform as part of a team. If one player is not able to practice his or her responsibilities, the rest of the team pays the price. On-time attendance at all practices and games is critical for safety considerations and so each player develops and has the opportunity to learn their team responsibilities. The Raptors encourage participation in extracurricular activities – we also encourage the importance of teamwork, team building and the importance of practice for safety and player development. Please understand that by joining our program, you have made a commitment and to help your player develop as part of the team, commitment to our program and to the team is understood to take precedence over all other commitments with reason.

### **Policy and Expectations**

It is expected that the Raptors will be a priority commitment for all players during the season.

1) **Attendance Requirements**-All practices, meetings and games are considered mandatory. **However, in the acknowledgement that things happen, the Raptors have adopted a policy that a player must attend 85% of the practices/games without progressive disciplinary action.** This requirement does not include excused absences. Examples of excused absences are: player illness, death or serious illness in the family, mandatory school or academic events, family emergency, religious holiday or previously planned vacation.

2)**Notice of absence**- If your player is unable to attend practice we require that a TeamSnap message or text to the coach be sent as soon as possible to advise of the absence. Unexcused absences will be subject to the increasing progressive disciplinary policy outlined below. The way we determine if a player is at practices and games is from our attendance records kept by the team managers.

3) **Unexcused Absences**-As stated previously, if a player attends 85% of games and practices there will be no disciplinary action. Absences will be reviewed by the board on a

monthly basis to determine if disciplinary action is required. Players with repeat unexcused absences can expect reduced playing time. Practice and game attendance will be just one of the criteria to determine playing time. Playing time will be proportionately reduced for each practice missed in excess of the allowable 15% rate.