



Purpose

The intent of this policy is twofold, to best develop our players and create an environment where the players who consistently attend and fully engage in practices and games are rewarded. Athletes develop best, both technically, tactically, socially, and emotionally within their team when they are committed to the program and consistently attend team practices and games. The Attendance Policy is in place to set a minimum standard for HCU teams at all levels and create the best environment possible for our players. *Note: Coaches of Skills Centre & Performance teams may increase the minimum standard, with the support of the Club.*

Mini Grassroots & Skills Centre U7/U8/U9 - Players and families should do their best to attend all practices and games. We encourage families to make as many sessions as possible, as the more the kids are out on the field, the more enjoyment they will have. Being out on the field frequently will also allow kids to learn to love the game and develop technical and socially as players.

Skills Centre U10/U11/U12 - Players should strive to attend 95% of all practices, sessions, and team events throughout the season. The minimum for players will be to attend two thirds of all practices, sessions, and team events throughout the season.

Foundation U12 C & /U13/U15/U17 B - Players should strive to attend as many practices, sessions and team events throughout the season as possible. If there is a conflict with schedule the Club will give them an alternate practice (with another team) to attend. The minimum for players will be to attend two thirds of all practices, sessions and team events throughout the season.

Performance U13/U15/U17/U21 - All players should strive to attend 95% of all practices, sessions and team events throughout the season. The minimum for players will be to attend three quarters of all practices, sessions and team events throughout the season.

Communication

Players and families are required to contact their Coach and Team Manager if there are unable to attend a practice or game 48 hours prior to the session. Prolonged absences (i.e. vacations) need to be given to Coach and Team Manager as soon as they are known. The Coach and Team Manager will track attendance for the team.

Multi-sport Athletes

We recognize that many of our players are also involved in other sports which are beneficial to a young athlete's development. In situations where conflicts arise, HCU is more than willing to create a reasonable program for the player so that they continue to develop as an athlete in general and soccer specifically.