

De Smet Hockey Club Practice and Game Participation Policy 9/20/2022

All players participating in the De Smet Hockey program will be required to comply with this policy. All players will be expected to participate with their designated De Smet Hockey team when practice is scheduled.

Exceptions to this policy include the following: Scheduled De Smet school activities, such as Kairos, Senior Projects, college visits, etc.... All activities must be discussed in advance with the coaching staff. Final approval to be excused from practice will be the sole responsibility of the coaching staff. Proper consideration of lead time in discussing these commitments is required. A minimum of one week prior to activity is expected and appreciated.

All players participating on select teams (defined herein as, **AAA (Tier 1), and Central States (Tier 2)**) are required to attend practices as designated by their coaches.

Any player participating on a select team MUST submit, in writing to the appropriate coach, a list of all known game conflicts NO LATER THAN 10/15/2022.

Non-select team players participating with club teams other than De Smet will be required to attend all designated De Smet team scheduled practices and games. Non-select club teams are defined herein as teams *other than* AAA and Central States.

Each player participating with any club team outside of the De Smet Hockey program must provide his respective team's coaching staff with the club team's practice & game schedule. This schedule will be reviewed by the coaching staff and player to discuss and agree upon how to manage all conflicts prior to the beginning of training camp or at the earliest possible time following the announcement of the select team's schedule.

All requests to miss a scheduled De Smet Hockey practice must be provided to the coaching staff a minimum of one week prior to the requested day off. Missing practice due to work commitments, unscheduled doctor appointments, or to catch up on class work or study for tests are unacceptable excuses to miss practice. Missing practice due to an illness is acceptable as long as the player communicates with the coaching staff well in advance of the scheduled practice. This does not mean leaving a phone message or e-mail ten minutes prior to the scheduled practice time. Communication of an illness that prevents a player from participating in practice that day must be made as soon as possible and via email.

All players have a responsibility to their teammates to attend practice consistently. The De Smet coaching staff is willing to be reasonable and accommodating as long as the player(s) are committed to making the effort to attend practices when scheduled and meet the necessary requirements when missing practice.

Penalties for missing practice or games will be solely at the coach's discretion.

When attending a De Smet Hockey practice, all players are expected to participate with a commitment to the systems and requirements of the De Smet Hockey team. While the coaching staff respects the teaching of other coaches, all players must focus 100% of their attention and effort to adhere to the system that De Smet Hockey provides. Anything less than 100% is unacceptable. De Smet issued hockey wear is required during all De Smet Hockey functions. This includes helmet, gloves, pants, jersey, socks and any other De Smet issued equipment. This rule applies to both practice and games.

As always, the De Smet Coaching staff encourages all student-athletes who want to play hockey to fully participate in the De Smet Hockey Program. In no way do we want to discourage or prevent any student-athlete from participating. It is our commitment to continue the tradition of a hockey program that provides all student-athletes the opportunity to enjoy a positive, life-learning experience.

If you have any questions about this policy, please direct them to Coach Casey Ott ottcasey@gmail.com and 314-607-3355.

Player Name: (Please Print) _____

Player Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____