Varsity Athletic Vacation Policy

The Roslyn Public Schools interscholastic athletics is an extension of the classroom where meaningful lessons take place every day. Commitment, teamwork and striving for excellence are integral parts of that learning process. At the same time, there is an acknowledgment that a balance must be struck between the responsibility to the varsity team and family vacation time that is precious to the community.

The Roslyn administration will give a minimum of three family vacation days during the December, February and spring vacation period where no practices and/or games will take place. Student athletes must be present for all practices or games effective immediately after the family vacation period ends. Failure to do so will result in strict consequences (see Regulation).

Regulation APPLIES TO VARSITY ATHLETES ONLY:

Varsity Athlete Vacation Regulation (effective July 1, 2016)

The district will annually designate mandatory practice dates during each school vacation period ("designated practice days"). "School vacation period" is the time when school is not in session, i.e. December, February and spring break periods. The district will endeavor to schedule early practice on the day immediately prior to the start of a school vacation period and late practice on the first designated practice day during the school vacation period (also referred to in Board Policy No. 5285 as "family vacation period".)

In the event that a student athlete fails to attend practice on a designated practice day, it will be considered an unauthorized absence.

Student athletes that do not attend a practice or contest on the designated practice days due to unauthorized absences will not be removed from a team; however, the following minimum* consequences will apply:

1. If a student athlete does not attend a practice or contest on the first designated practice day, he/she will be "benched" for at least two (2) regularly scheduled contests at the coach's discretion.

2. If a student athlete does not attend a practice or contest on the first and second designated practice days, he/she will be "benched" for at least four (4) regularly scheduled contests at the coach's discretion.

3. If a student athlete attends a practice or contest on the first designated practice day and does not attend a practice or contest on any subsequent designated practice days during the school vacation period, he/she will be "benched" for at least a minimum of one contest (next regularly scheduled contest) for each day missed at the coach's discretion.

*any discipline of an athlete exceeding the minimum consequence shall be determined by the Director of Athletics in consultation with the coach, administration and counselors. Athletes cannot "sit games" in anticipation of an absence later in the season.

Varsity Attendance Outside of the Vacation Period

Attendance for varsity athletes outside of the vacation periods are the same as the JV policy.

Junior Varsity Attendance for Athletes

Junior varsity athletes will follow the same penalty for missing practices/games during a vacation period that is consistent with the regular season, except the athlete will benched at the coach's discretion. Please read below for JV athletes during the season and during a vacation period.

Students who miss practices or games due to illegal absences will not be removed from teams. However, the following minimum consequences will apply to all illegal absences, during regular practice time:

(1) For every single contest missed, the athlete will be "benched" for 1 contest at the coach's discretion.

(2) For every two practices missed, the athlete will be "benched" for 1 contest at the coach's discretion .

The consequences for missed practices or contests will be the same for all athletes on any sport at any level (except for varsity athletes during a vacation period). After the consequences are served, the return of individual athletes to regular playing time or "starting time" will be left to the discretion of the individual coach.

Athletics Vacation Calendar

December 2026 and January 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 20	21	22	23 Practices/games end by 5:00pm	24 No practice/games	25 No practice/games	26 No practice/games
27 No practice/games	28 No practice/games	29 Practices resume 3:00pm or later 1st designated practice day	30 Practices/Games	31 Practices/Games	January 1 No practice/games	January 2 Practices/Games
January 3	January 4 Classes Resume					

On days designated as "No Practice/Games" or those with an early dismissal or late start, every effort will be made to avoid scheduling contests. If the athletic office must schedule a contest on a No Practice/Game day, student-athletes will not face penalties for absences.

Coaches may schedule practices or enter tournaments/track invitational meets on No Practice/Game days. Attendance at these practices or events will be optional.

Athletics Vacation Calendar

April 2027 and May 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 18	19	20	21 Last day of classes Practices/games end by 5:00pm	22 No practice/games	23 No practice/games	24 No practice/games
25 No practice/games	26 No practice/games	27 No practice/games	28 Practices resume 3:00pm or later 1st designated practice day	29 Practices/Games	30 Practices/Games	May 1 Practices/Games
May 2	May 3 Classes Resume					

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