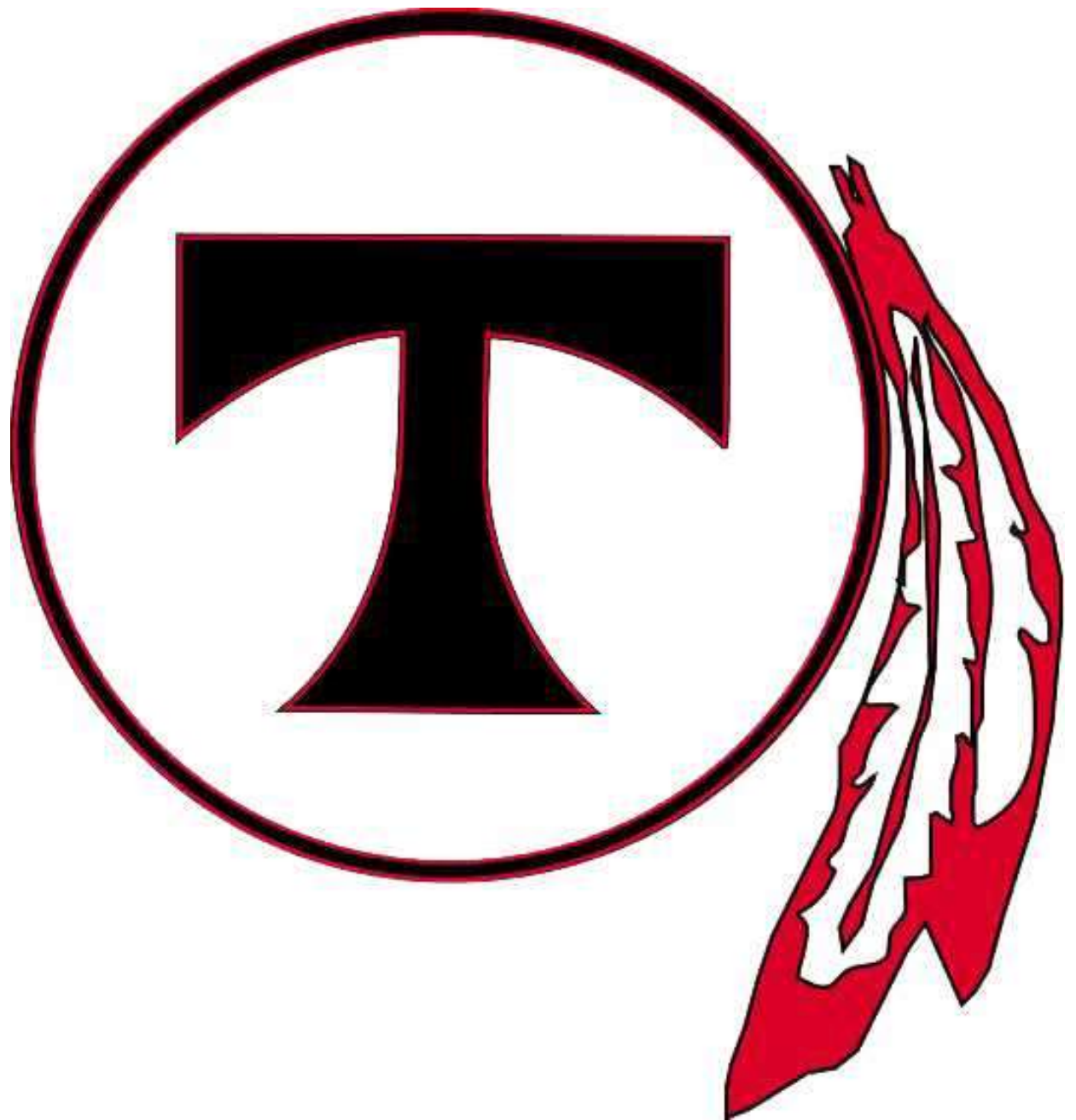


TOLEDO SCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETIC ACTIVITY CODE



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I. RATIONALE

Participation in activities is a privilege rather than a right. Students and parents who choose to participate recognize that being involved in activities will require special efforts such as spending additional time, money, and work during participation. Our schools will be represented by individuals who have pride in themselves, their family, our schools, and in our community.

Students who wish to participate in activities must understand that high standards of academic performance, citizenship, and conduct are expected of them because they have chosen to represent their school and community. Many rewards are gained through activities and likewise, many sacrifices are made. The student who sets their mind to do what is required in order to be successful will be the one who gets the most from our programs.

This code applies to all interscholastic athletes, cheerleaders, ASB officers, class officers, club officers, and band/choir/drama participants.

II. ELIGIBILITY

A. ACADEMIC:

A student must be an academic freshman (or higher) to participate in activities. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA and may not have more than one failing grade at any grade check. The first grade check will be completed on the first day of practice for each activity. Students with more than one failing grade at any grade check will be “ineligible”, which means that they are able to practice, but not compete in a game or travel with the team.

A participant who has a second grade check with more than one failing grade will be ineligible for the remainder of the season (able to practice, but not compete in a game or travel with the team). The following chart will explain academic requirements in more detail:

Grade Check	Requirement	Failure to Meet Requirement
Preliminary: 3 weeks prior to first practice	Informational only.	3 weeks to meet eligibility requirements
First day of practice	No more than 1 failing grade	Ineligible (practice but no competition or travel)
Every 3 weeks during the season	No more than 1 failing grade	Ineligible for full season if two or more grade checks have more than one failing grade.

B. ATTENDANCE:

Participation in practice or games is dependent upon the student’s attendance at school for the entire day of the practice or of the game. Exceptions to this rule include:

1. Funeral attendance.
2. Reasonable time for medical and dental appointments. Since most appointments are made weeks in advance, participants need to bring a note prior to their absence. If there is an emergency or unplanned appointment, they need to bring a note from the doctor or dentist before they may practice or play that day.
3. Family emergencies (cleared with Athletic Director or Principal)

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4. School sponsored activities.
5. Any other reasonable absences cleared in advance by the Athletic Director, or Principal.
6. Students will be allowed to arrive at school eight (8) hours after their arrival at THS following an away contest. For example, if a team travels to Forks and arrives at THS at 2:00 AM, the students on that team will be allowed to arrive at school at 10:00 AM the next morning. The coach will determine the arrival time at the school.
7. Occasional “unexcused” tardiness is sometimes unavoidable. If (aside from the circumstances outline in item #6 above) the student arrives by 9:00 AM, participation WILL be allowed. However, this exception will only be allowed for the first 4 occurrences in any give school year.

C. CITIZENSHIP AND COURTESY:

In order to continue the privilege of representing our school and community, participants must abide by the provisions of the student handbook. In addition to abiding by the stated dress code of their school, coaches/advisers may require a more stringent standard.

D. OTHER

Discipline on School Days: Athletes who receive a disciplinary referral may not participate in practice or contest that day. This may include, but is not limited to referrals for disruption, disrespect to staff, refusal to participate in class activities, truancy from school or class and/or leaving campus without authorization.

All students must have the following prior to participation:

1. A valid ASB card
2. Signed Activity Code (parent and student)
3. Completed emergency medical release
4. Additionally, athletes must also have medical clearance (annually); school or personal insurance; and meet WIAA residence, age, previous semester, and amateur standing requirements.

III. GENERAL RULES

A. USE OR POSSESSION OF ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES (VAPING, ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUGS AND/OR TOBACCO)

A participant may not be in possession of, sell, distribute, or use, in any amount, any form of alcohol, illegal drugs, or any controlled (legend) drug, including anabolic steroids, unless prescribed by a physician. Legend drugs are defined as any drugs which are required by state law, or a State Board of Pharmacy, to be dispensed on prescription by a health care provider.

Association/attendance at an event where drugs and/or alcohol are being consumed or provided illegally is prohibited (Proximity Rule). *EXAMPLE: It is a violation to attend an event where the types of drugs/alcohol described above are being used.* A participant may attend a family sanctioned event (i.e. wedding reception, birthday party) where alcohol is served if he/she is accompanied by, or has written consent from, a parent or guardian. (The written consent must include the name of an adult responsible for the student, and be given to the Principal or Athletic Director in advance, or by 8:30 of the next school day).

The use, distribution, or possession of tobacco or vaping devices or products, in any form, by a participant is prohibited.

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THS Sanction Matrix

DRUGS/LEGEND DRUGS/ALCOHOL/VAPING
Possession/use/distribution/proximity

<u>Violation</u>	<u>Sanction</u> <u>Non and participation Activity</u> <u>Students/Athletes</u>	<u>Reduction option (s)</u>
1. First Offense	Immediate suspension from athletics/activities for the remainder of the season or five weeks, whichever is longer.	1. Reduced to 20% of the season provided the student and parent agree to assessment and urinalyses (UA) at the expense of the student/parent. Second UA required at a later date (at the expense of the student/parent) 2. Sanction will be cut in half if the student self-reports the first violation (see B below)
2. Second Offense	Suspension from all athletics/activities for 365 days from the date of the infraction.	None
3. Third Offense	Permanent ban from all athletics/activities	None

Tobacco (possession/use/distribution/proximity)

<u>Violation</u>	<u>Sanction</u>	<u>Reduction option (s)</u>
4. First Offense	Participant suspended for 20% of the season.	None
5. Second Offense	Participant suspended for the remainder of the current season.	None
6. Third Offense	Participant suspended for one calendar year.	None

****IMPORTANT NOTE: If it is discovered during an investigation that a participant was less than forthright about his/her use, possession, distribution, or proximity during the initial interviews with school officials and/or law enforcement, the sanctions posted in the charts above will be doubled.**

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B. SELF REPORTING:

Students are encouraged to self-report proximity, use, possession, or distribution of alcohol, tobacco, drug paraphernalia, legend drugs, controlled substances, or non-prescription drugs to their coach, the counselor, a teacher, the AD, or the Principal. Initial sanctions for a first violation will be cut in half and disciplinary action will be further reduced if treatment is sought and maintained. Any public misconduct prior to self-reporting or misconduct following self-reporting will be subject to further disciplinary action.

ILLEGAL ACTS

A criminal conviction for a violation of the laws of the State of Washington (misdemeanors) will result in loss of eligibility for the remainder of the season or five (5) weeks, extending into the next season of participation, whichever is longer. Gross misdemeanors and felony convictions will result in loss of eligibility from extracurricular activities for the remainder of the school year or nine (9) weeks, extending into the next season, whichever is longer. Each case will be treated on an individual basis by the Principal or designee and additional penalties may be applied. A second violation will result in the student being ineligible for one (1) calendar year from the date of the second infraction.

C. PARTICIPANT Demeanor

Any time a student athlete/activity participant is causing poor morale, uses inappropriate language, demonstrates an unwilling or lazy attitude, shows disrespect to the coaching staff/advisor, is involved in a fight, and/or in any way is hurting the team/club, his/her participation may be suspended for all or part of the season/school year.

E. ELIGIBILITY FOLLOWING ABANDONING AN ACTIVITY

A student athlete who voluntarily ceases participation in an activity after ten (10) days of eligibility practices have been completed may not turn out for another activity that season. However, if prior to the completion of ten (10) eligibility practice days, the athlete decides it is not the activity for them, they may switch to another sport after notifying the coach of BOTH sports of the decision.

F. TRAVEL

Travel to and from an activity will be provided by the District.

Students should keep in mind that they are representatives of their school and community and act/dress accordingly.

After an event, should the parent/guardian of the participant wish to transport their student home, they can sign the student out – *provided that the policy of the coach/advisor allows for alternate transport after the game/event*. If the student is to go home with someone other than their parent/guardian, written notification must be provided to the Principal and/or Athletic Director the day BEFORE the event. The transporting person must be an adult (i.e. parent/guardian of another student, non-custodial parent, etc.), and NOT a fellow student or boyfriend/girlfriend of the students.

IV. INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITY RULES

There are some articles of training which are not covered in the general rules for participation in athletics/activities at Toledo. Examples would be length of hair, participation in events not associated with the district, and missing practices and/or meetings. These items will be covered in the individual coach’s/advisors rules for that activity. For a coach/advisor to have these rules, they must:

1. Receive permission from the Principal/Athletic Director
2. Present the rules to the participants prior to participation

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V. ATHLETIC LETTER POLICY

In order to qualify for a letter, the student athlete/participant must meet the requirements set forth by the coach of the particular sport. An athlete must complete the sport season to receive awards or letters. (Exception: In the case of injury or sickness, awards will be left to the discretion of the coach.) In addition, athletes must attend the post season awards ceremony in order to receive a letter or award unless properly excused in advance by the Head Coach. For further information concerning the lettering requirements of individual coaches, please see the Athletic Director or the individual coach.

VI. DUE PROCESS

The Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 392-400-025 states that “discipline means any action taken by a school district in response to behavioral violations”. Participants who are excluded from participation in an activity will have the following appeal rights:

Appeals

Any parent/guardian or student who is aggrieved by the imposition of discipline will have the right to an informal conference with the principal for the purpose of resolving the grievance. The employee whose action is being grieved will be notified of the grievance as soon as reasonably possible.

At such conference the student and parent/guardian will be subject to questioning by the principal and will be entitled to question staff involved in the matter being grieved.

After exhausting this remedy, the parent/guardian and student will have the right, upon two (2) school business days’ prior notice, to present a written and/or oral grievance to the superintendent or designee.

If the grievance is not resolved, the parent/guardian and student, upon two (2) school business days’ prior notice, have the right to present a written or oral grievance to the board during its next regular meeting, or at a meeting held within 30 days, whichever is earlier. A closed meeting may be held for the purpose of considering the grievance. The board will notify the parent and student of its response to the grievance within ten (10) school business days after the date when the grievance was presented. The disciplinary action will continue notwithstanding implementation of the grievance procedure unless the principal, superintendent or board elects to postpone such action.

Alternatively, the board may delegate its authority to hear and decide discipline and short-term suspension grievance appeals to a school district disciplinary appeal council established pursuant to WAC 392-400-310(1).