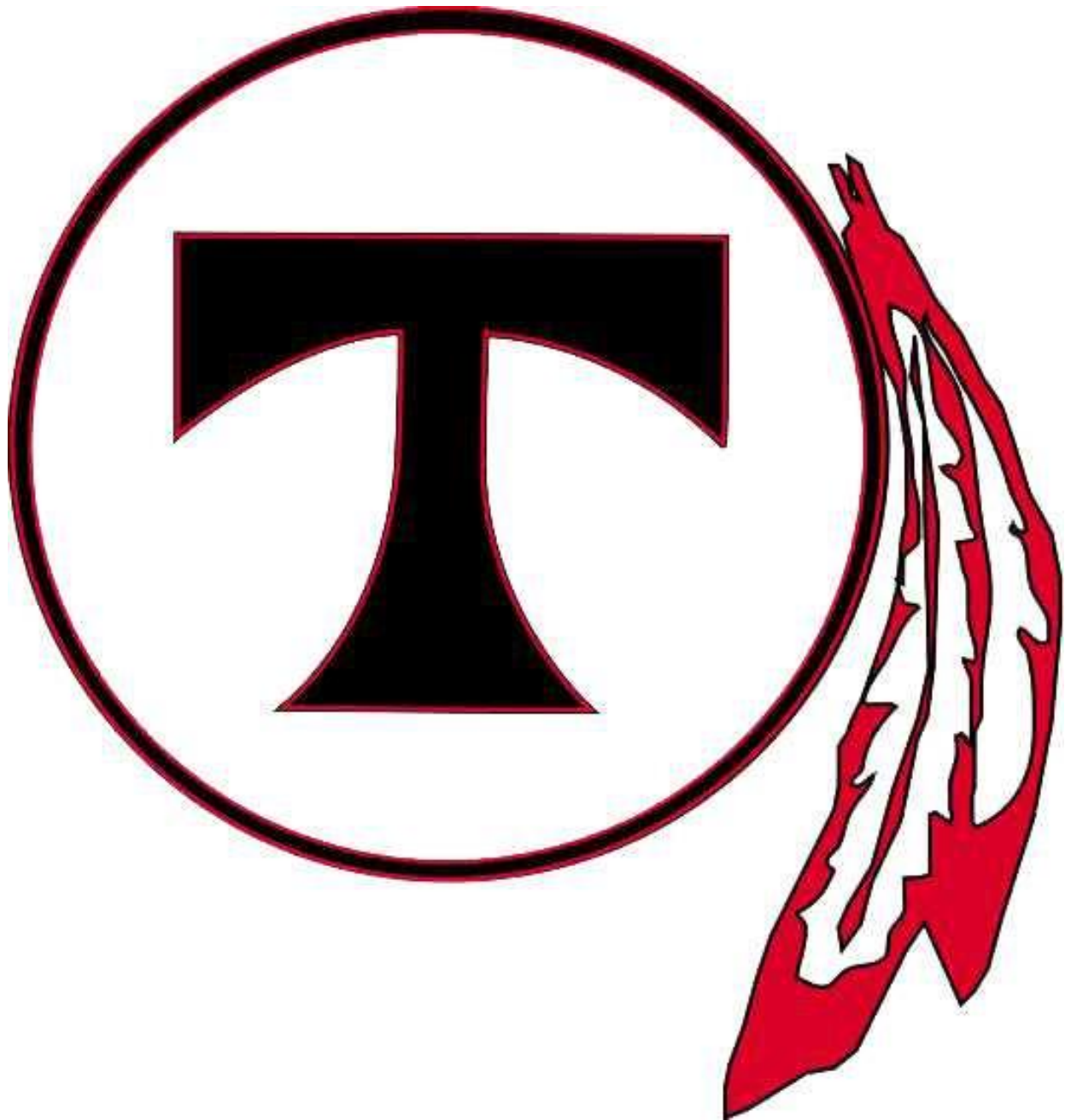


TOLEDO SCHOOL DISTRICT ACTIVITY CODE



TOLEDO ACTIVITY CODE ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION – IT'S YOUR PRIVILEGE

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Welcome to Toledo Activities and the start of a new school year. The intent of this document is not to find ways to “catch” or punish students. Rather, it is used as a framework when violations occur. The perfect activity code can never be written, therefore, should an infraction occur, families and students are encouraged to view the enforcement process as a teachable moment, trying to help positively mold the student to becoming a great citizen rather than trying to find ways around the consequences. 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 his/her mind to do what is required in order to be successful will be the one who gets the most from our programs.

This activity code applies to all interscholastic athletes, cheerleaders, ASB officers, class officers, club officers, and band/choir/drama participants in events where the student is representing the Toledo School District. This includes all regular season and off-season leagues, camps, etc. for the entire calendar year. Violations will be reviewed on a case by case basis involving the Principal, Athletic Director, and/or coach. The Principal has the final say on discipline and Coach placement and/or playing time of participants is non-negotiable.

1.) ACADEMIC: (Only applies to activities during the school year)

Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA and may not have more than one failing grade at any grade check. Grades are checked every two weeks throughout the season. 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. An athlete who has two consecutive grade checks with more than one failing grade, or below a 2.0, will be ineligible for the remainder of the season.

| Grade Check | Requirement | Failure to Meet Requirement |
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| Preliminary: week prior to first practice | Informational only | Fair warning |
| 2 nd week of the season. (Wed warning / Friday Final) | No more than 1 failing grade and at least a 2.0 GPA (Advisory Counts) | Ineligible until next grade check Practice but no competition, no travel, or no early dismissal. |
| Every 2 weeks of the season (Wed warning / Friday Final) | No more than 1 failing grade and at least a 2.0 GPA (Advisory Counts) | Ineligible for remainder of the season if two grade checks in a row are failed. |
| <p>Student athletes must have a previous grading period with no more than 1F and above a 2.0 GPA. Failure to meet this requirement will result in a five (5) week suspension (ineligible) from the beginning of the following grading period in high school, and a three (3) week suspension for middle school, except in the Fall. Students who do not meet these requirements for the Spring grading period will be placed on PROBATION during the first 4 weeks of the Fall grading period. If they do not meet the grading criteria at that point, they will be ineligible for competition for 3 weeks.</p> | | |

2.) 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 from the facility upon their return to school. 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)
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. Athletes may not miss school practices or contests, or be given special permissions, to participate in another club, sport, or activity on a regular basis.
8. Occasional "unexcused" tardiness is sometimes unavoidable. If (aside from the circumstances outlined in item #6 above) the student arrives within 30 minutes of school start time, participation WILL be allowed. However, this exception will only be allowed for the first 4 occurrences in any given school year.

3.) CITIZENSHIP:

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/advisors may require a more stringent standard.

4.) ELIGIBILITY:

All students must have the following prior to participation:

1. A valid ASB card
2. Completed online registration including medical information/release, current insurance coverage, current physical, signed activity code, cardiac and concussion risk info.
3. Additionally, athletes must also meet WIAA residence, age, previous semester, and amateur standing requirements.

5.) USE OF ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES (ALCOHOL/DRUGS/TOBACCO/VAPING)

A participant may not be in proximity of, possession of, sell, distribute, use, or be seen using or promoting via photo or social media, in any amount, any form of tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, or any controlled drug, including anabolic steroids, unless prescribed by a physician. A participant may not possess or use any delivery device such as vaping devices, e-cigarettes, pipes, syringes, etc... Association/attendance at an event where alcohol is being consumed or provided illegally is prohibited (Proximity Rule). *EXAMPLE: It is a violation for athletes 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).*

**THS Sanction Matrix - Possession/use/distribution/proximity
DRUGS / LEGEND DRUGS / ALCOHOL / VAPING / TOBACCO**

| Violation | Sanction | Reduction option (s) |
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| First Offense (SCHOOL TEAM) | Immediate suspension from athletics / activities for the remainder of the season, or 50% of the allowable contests for that season, whichever is longer. Violations carry into next school season, but not into the off season. (Off season coaches may enforce consequences but are not required to) | 1. Reduced to 20% of the season's allowable contests provided the student and parent agree to an assessment and urinalyses (UA) at the expense of the student / parent. 2. Sanction will be cut in half if the student self-reports the first violation |
| Second Offense | Suspension from all athletics / activities for one (1) calendar year | None |
| Third Offense | Permanent ban from all athletics / activities | None |

****IMPORTANT NOTE:** If it is discovered during an investigation that any athlete was intentionally deceptive about his/her or another athlete's use, possession, distribution, or proximity during the initial interviews the sanctions posted in the charts above will be doubled. If the athlete did not receive a sanction, one will be enforced for interfering with the investigation.

**** If a violation happens during the school year, the sanction will be imposed on the current sport and may go over to the next school sport the student participates in. If the violation happens outside of the school sports season, but the student is representing the Toledo School District (Fall Toledo team, summer team camp, etc..) the sanction will go to the next school sport season that athlete participates in.**

****IMPORTANT NOTE:** Athlete must complete the season, not just the suspension period. If the season is not completed, suspension will move to the following sport season that the athlete participates in.

6.) 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.

7.) 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 felonies 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 Activity Review Board 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.

8.) PARTICIPANT Demeanor / SOCIAL MEDIA

Any time a student athlete/activity participant is causing poor morale, displays negative body language, uses inappropriate language or obscene gestures, demonstrates an unwilling or lazy attitude, shows disrespect to the coaching staff/advisor, violence, engages in negative destructive criticism of the team or coaching staff, and/or in any way is hurting the team/club, his/her participation or team role (captain, starter, swing player, playing time/placement) may be suspended for all or part of the season/school year. These standards and consequences also apply to all social media posts as well as other forms of communication. Students will take responsibility for their online profiles, including their own posts and any posted by others in which they appear. Social media can be a useful tool to communicate. It can also be dangerous if not used carefully. Every picture, post, tweet, or status put online is forever part of a digital footprint that represents Toledo and the student.

Violations and Possible Consequences of Inappropriate Social Media Use:

| Violation | Sanction |
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| First Offense | Meeting with Principal, Athletic Director, and/or Coaches |
| Second Offense | Partial Suspension from Contest. If not in season, the next contest if athlete, next event if an activity. |
| Third Offense | Suspension for 1 contest/activity |

**** Administration reserves the right to impose or override the decisions on assigning penalties based on the severity of the inappropriate social media use.**

9.) ELIGIBILITY FOLLOWING ABANDONING AN ACTIVITY

A student athlete who quits an activity after ten (10) practices have been completed may not turn out for another activity that season unless the student is in good standing with the first sport's coach. After 10 days the new coach does not have to allow a student to join. WIAA requires athletes to be rostered at least 50% of the season to be eligible for post season. Students must follow WIAA initial practice requirements.

10.) 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 at all times, especially at restaurants and hotels.

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 cleared through the office BEFORE the event.

- Adults listed as emergency contacts in Skyward may sign participants out.
- If any emergency contact is not allowed to sign out the participant, parent/guardian should provide written notification to the office and/or notify the coach of that sport.
- Parents may submit a list of adults that are cleared to sign out their son/daughter who are not guardians or emergency contacts.
- Coaches should be notified at the beginning of the season if there are any individuals who have a no contact order, restraining order, or supervised visits with one or more of the participants.
- Participants may not sign themselves out, even if they are over the age of 18.

11.) INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITY RULES

Individual coaches and advisors may have more rules than those outlined in this handbook. Those rules may be more stringent, strict, or more detailed as long as they have been approved by the Toledo School Board and have been presented to the participants prior to the season, or prior to participation. They cannot be less stringent. Examples would be team oriented rules like undershirt colors, shoe colors, hair guidelines, allowable accessories, captain expectations, letter expectations, etc...Playing time, team roles, and/or participation decisions are exclusively the coach's decision and not open for discussion.

12.) VIOLATIONS ON SCHOOL DAYS:

Athletes who get a discipline referral from the staff at Toledo High School may not participate in any event that day, whether it be practice or contest. This may include, but not limited to, referrals through Skyward, disrespect to any staff, defiance or refusal to participate in class activities, vulgar language or gestures, fighting, attendance, truancy or skipping class, and leaving campus without permission.