

Tenino School District Athletics Code

Tenino School District is part of the High School Southwest Washington 1-A Evergreen League, and Middle School Tri County League. We offer the following sports:

Fall

Cheerleading (HS Only)
Cross Country
Girls Soccer
Football
Girls Volleyball (HS Only)

Winter

Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball
Cheerleading (HS Only)
Wrestling

Spring

Fast pitch (HS Only)
Baseball (HS Only)
Girls Tennis (HS Only)
Track & Field
Boys Soccer (HS Only)
Girls Volleyball (MS Only)

Coaches contact information is available seasonally on our athletics website. All high school competitions and bus departures are listed on the www.1aevergreen.com league site.

Participation Requirements

To participate in a sport, the following must be completed and filed with your school ASB/Athletics secretary prior to **the first scheduled practice**:

1. Current physical
2. Completed "Athletics Signature" page acknowledging you have received and read the "TSD Athletic Code", "Concussion Information Sheet", "Safety Guidelines," and "Warnings to Obey"
3. Completed travel card for your athletic season
4. Completed ImPact concussion evaluation on file within the last two years of participation of any sport.
5. Purchase ASB card from the ASB window. The cost is \$25.00.
6. Paid annual sports fee **prior to clearance**. One school sport annually is \$60, two or more sports are \$100, and the district family maximum is \$200.
7. All previous sports fines or fees must be paid prior to clearance for an additional sport.

Turn in all forms, fees, and be cleared to participate prior to the first practice. If you are in a fall sport, and then participate in a winter or spring sport, you only need to complete a new signed activities code & concussion form. You cannot practice until all your forms are turned in and you are cleared by the Athletic Director or the Athletic Director Secretary. Remember, you must be passing all classes to play sports. Specific information is provided in the Athletics Code.

Conduct

In order to be eligible to participate in a Tenino School District Athletics program, students must at all times conduct themselves in compliance with the Tenino School District Athletics Code of Conduct. This code is in effect for one calendar year from the first day of participation in a sport in the Tenino School District and is renewed annually. Note: Summer athletics events are considered open and “volunteered” by WIAA standards.

Athletic participation is also governed by the rules of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA). Those rules and regulations include, but are not limited to, age, residence, transferring students, and the previous semester/trimesters grades. The Principal and Athletic Director have copies of those rules.

Attendance

Students must be present at school the majority of their scheduled school day, i.e. (4 of 6 periods) to be eligible for athletic participation. (Exceptions for extenuating circumstances will be decided on a case-by-case basis by the school principal or the principal designee.) Students missing ANY class period must have their absence excused by a parent prior to the daily practice or game in order to be eligible for participation.

Social Media

Social media (Twitter, Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram, etc.) are common methods of communication. It is against district policy for a Coach to friend/communicate with a student in this way (see Board Policy 5253). To provide communication with a commonly used media platform, the school provides a THS Athletics Twitter. Coaches may post comments through that account. Parents are encouraged to follow the TSD Athletic Twitter account. Team or group communication is also permissible using the “Remind” app. Please speak to your coach about which of these two platforms they will use.

Eligibility

Each student must meet the minimum academic regulations for participation in the athletic program as identified in this code. ***At their discretion, Athletic Coaches may have additional rules expectations for students regarding behavior and academics for participation in their athletic program.***

Additionally, student-athletes are required to meet minimum eligibility requirements as outlined by the WIAA. <http://www.wiaa.com/ConDocs/Con1544/Eligibility.pdf>

End of Term Grade Checks

Student athletes must be passing all classes to participate in athletics. A student who fails to pass every class at the end of the grading period (semester or trimester) will be placed on academic suspension:

Students who fail 1 final trimester class are ineligible until the Monday following the third week of the following trimester. Students may become eligible by passing all of their classes after three weeks into the new trimester.

Students who fail 2 or more final trimester classes. Students not meeting this standard will be ineligible from the end of the previous trimester through the 4th Saturday in September in the fall, or the first five (5) weeks of the succeeding trimester. Refer to WIAA Handbook 18.7.6 Page 41; TSD is allowed to be more restrictive than that of the WIAA.

Students who are under academic suspension may practice, but not travel, suit-up, or compete during their suspension.

Mid-Term Grade Checks

All athletes' grades will be checked at the mid-term and at the end of the Trimester. At mid-term, any athlete with one or more F's may practice, but not travel, suit-up or compete until they can document that they are passing all courses.

Academic Time

The first 30 minutes following school dismissal will be used for student athletes to communicate with teachers about assignments, make up missing tests, or do homework. Practices will start immediately following unless otherwise noted by their coach.

Disciplinary Suspensions

Students are ineligible to participate in any athletic activity for the day in which they have been suspended. For example: games, practices, traveling on the bus to a contest.

Behavior Expectations

It is a violation of this Athletic Code for a student to:

- * Use or possess tobacco; or
- * Consume, possess, buy, sell, give away, or knowingly be in the presence of illegal use of alcohol, or any illegal substance as defined by Washington State law and/or the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA); or
- * Admit to or be found guilty of a crime; or

- * Be involved in “exceptional misconduct” as defined in the student handbook; or
- * Be involved in “deferred adjudication” or “diversion”

Students who attend gatherings where drugs and/or alcohol are being used illegally must make immediate and exhaustive attempts to leave. The student must leave the gathering in a timely manner.

Consequences for Violation of the Athletic Code

Any student who is a participant in the Tenino School District Athletics program and violates the behavior expectations of the Athletic Code will be excluded from participating in all Tenino School District activities, attending all home activities, and activities sponsored by Tenino School District (i.e. athletic events, dances, plays, etc.) during his or her suspension period.

After confirmation by the principal or principal designee that a student, who is under the jurisdiction of the Athletic Code, has violated the expected standards of behavior identified in the Athletic Code, whether in or out of season, the following consequences will be imposed:

First Violation of the Athletic Code

- Tobacco—Suspension of 5 participation days and a minimum of 10% of competition
- Alcohol, Marijuana, Crimes, Exceptional Misconduct – Suspension of 40 participation days and a minimum of 20% of competition

Second Violation of the Athletic Code

- Tobacco – Suspension of 15 participation days; cessation program enrollment and completion and a minimum of 20% of competition
- Alcohol, Marijuana, Crimes, Exceptional Misconduct – Suspension of 90 participation days

Third Violation of the Athletic Code

- Tobacco – 30 day suspension or the remainder of the season (whichever is greater)
- Alcohol, Marijuana, Crimes, Exceptional Misconduct – one calendar year of expulsion from all athletics

Consequences (days) are applied during the school year, if not complete they may carry over from one athletics season to another.

Appeal - Any student, parent or guardian who believes the student did not violate this Athletic Code may request an informal conference with the school principal. The request for the conference must be in writing within 24 hours of notification. If the grievance is not resolved at the school principal level then the student, parent or guardian shall have the right to seek a remedy to the grievance through the Tenino School District Grievance Process for Disciplinary

Action. A copy of the guidelines for the grievance process may be obtained from the office at Tenino Middle School or Tenino High School.

Please note that the level of the consequences cannot be appealed. Appeals are for the sole purpose of determining whether a violation occurred.

Middle School -Consequences for a violation of the Athletic Code while a participant in the middle school Athletic program may carry over into and affect high school participation. A student's record of violations of this Athletic Code while in middle school will be deleted when the person becomes eligible for high school participation. However, any violations of Illegal Substances (legend drugs and illegal substances) while a student at the middle school will be counted as violations at the high school. For example, one violation of Illegal Substances at the middle school will count as a first violation of the Athletic Code at the high school, two Illegal Substances violations at the middle school will count as a second violation of the Athletic Code at the high school.