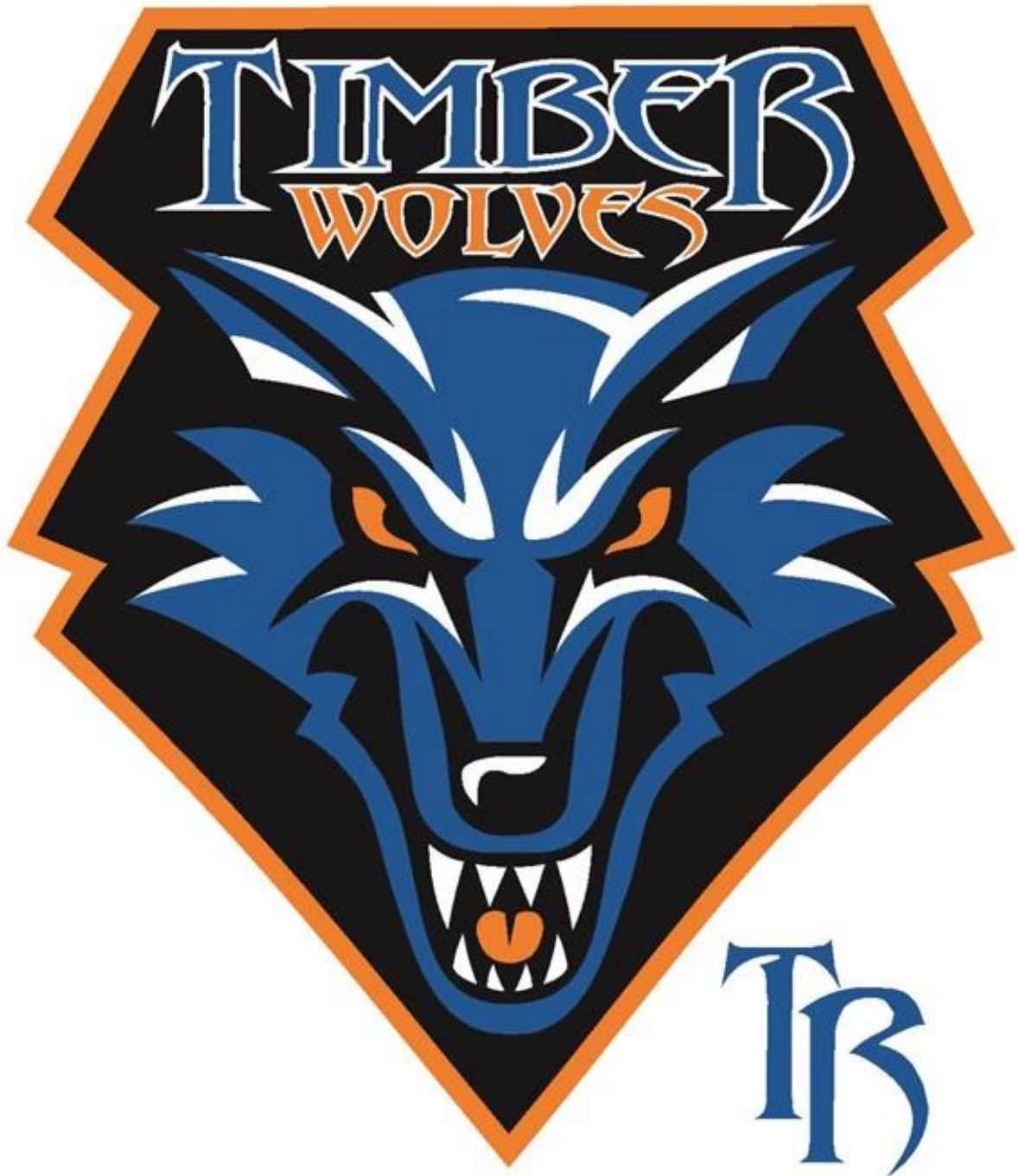


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Student Activity Code



T/R ATHLETIC/ACTIVITY CODE

Code of Ethics:

The following terms/definitions are used with the following athletic code:

- **Sport Season** – as defined by WIAA starting dates and completing with the individual's awards presentation.
- **Drinking** – the act of drinking or being in possession of alcohol or being under the influence of alcohol.
- **Use/possession of Tobacco/Electronic Vaping Devices** – possession of or smoking tobacco (cigarette, cigar, electronic vaping device, etc.) or the chewing of tobacco.
- **Use or Abuse of Drugs** – use of an illegal drug or abuse of prescriptive or non-prescriptive drugs or narcotics, sale or possession of an illegal drug or narcotic, or possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **Team Member** – any TR student who is participating in an activity as a team member.

TR is proud of its interscholastic athletic programs and expects athletes to compete in a manner that will develop a sense of individual pride and accomplishment. As TR athletes compete with other athletes in the area, their actions reflect upon the schools and our communities. Therefore, standards including academic requirements, citizenship, sportsmanship, conduct and loyalty must be maintained at a high level. It is expected that there is a positive correlation between an athlete's performance and his/her adherence to specific training practices.

We believe it is a pleasure and a privilege to coach Tekoa/Rosalia student athletes. We also believe that participating in TR athletics is a privilege. The student athlete is responsible as a citizen to observe the laws of the United States, the State of Washington, and/or its subdivisions. While in the school, the students shall respect the rights of others. Students who involve themselves in criminal acts on school property, off-school property at school supervised events, or off school property—and which acts have detrimental effect upon the athletic program—are subject to disciplinary or corrective action by the school and prosecution under law. Our main concern is that every individual should be given an opportunity to compete in interscholastic athletics. In doing this, a student athlete is faced with choices. If the choices you make interfere, impede, or hinder your performance of the team, you may forfeit the privilege to participate in that sport.

Prior to a student athlete participating on any athletic team or being issued any athletic equipment, s/he is responsible for having on file, with the athlete's home office, a current record of the following:

- Tekoa/Rosalia Athletic Form
- Physical Examination Form
- Associated student body (ASB) card (purchased from the resident district)

A student Medical Alert Form is a requirement for school registration and athletic participation.

Rules and Policies:

TR student athletes are special; we require them to agree to follow the rules and policies of the school, classroom, and communities. All of these rules and policies shall apply to managers, scorekeepers, stats keepers and video crews as they apply to student athletes.

1. Alcohol, tobacco, vaping devices, and drugs have an adverse physical and psychological effect on student athletes and teams. The use or possession of these items is prohibited and will result in disciplinary action.
2. The student athlete's conduct may affect his/her participation in athletics. Athletes shall not attend any parties, keggers, gatherings, etc. where possession, consumption, or association with alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or electronic vaping devices or their products are being used, consumed, and/or solicited by and for minors.
3. The student athlete will dress and groom in a manner designated by coaches and/or school officials.
4. The student athlete will ride the team bus to and from all games unless arrangements are made with the building principal or athletic director. Student athletes will not be released to ride with someone other than their parents/guardians without prior written permission from the building principal or his/her designee and they will only be released to another TR parent.
5. Swearing and obscene language are unacceptable. Use of questionable language does not make you a better student athlete. Be positive toward your teammates, competitors, officials, and coaches and treat them with respect and dignity.
6. The student athlete is to attend all scheduled practices, team meetings and games, whether school is in session or not. If a student athlete finds it necessary to miss practice, meetings, or events, arrangements must be made with the coach in advance.
7. Each student athlete is responsible for equipment issued to him/her, and loss or damage to this equipment will cause a fine to replace or repair the equipment. The student athlete must be cleared from the previous sport prior to participating in another sport.
8. Participation:
 - In a given sport, through the first contest, is considered a commitment on the part of the participant to complete that sport season.
 - A student athlete who decides to quit after the first contest may not turn out or practice for another sport during that season.
 - If an athlete quits prior to the first contest or meet of a given sport, s/he may turn out for another sport. The athlete may also continue to use all facilities at the school.
 - Athletes are expected to turn out within two weeks of the first practice. Injured athletes are expected to attend all team activities.
9. Regular attendance in school is a must. It is also a privilege to be able to participate in interscholastic sports at TR. Along with this privilege is the responsibility of the participants to do well in academics. Academic standards will be enforced on all students who participate in extracurricular events. This will include non-academic field trips. Please see "Academic Requirements" following this section.

10. To resume participation following an illness or injury serious enough to require medical care, a participating student athlete must present a physician's written release to school officials.
11. Student athletes will comply with curfew regulations established by the coaches of that sport in which the student athlete is participating. This curfew may be adjusted for special activities by the coach of that sport.
12. At the coach's discretion, athletes who are not feeling well or have just recovered from an illness may require additional conditioning and therefore, may be withheld from game situations.
13. All body piercing jewelry and other jewelry must be removed before practices and contests.
14. To participate in a contest or practice, the athlete must be in attendance at school (not more than 10 minutes late to first period) for the entire day on the day of an athletic event or practice. The exception to this is a signed note for medical reasons from the medical office or approval by the principal.
15. Student athletes are expected to abide by any other rules or regulations as set by the coach in each particular sport in which s/he is participating.
16. Tekoa/Rosalia school districts will honor athletic/activity code violations from the previous schools when new students transfer into the district.

Violations of Rules and Regulations:

Whenever State of Washington Laws prohibits eligibility, or as a result of violation, student eligibility is restricted by law, the member schools of WIAA shall minimally restrict participation in those activities under WIAA's jurisdiction as prescribed by law.

A violation of RCW 69.41.020 – 69.41.050 (legend drugs including anabolic steroids possession, sale and/or use) shall be considered a violation of the eligibility code and standards and shall subject the student/athlete to disciplinary actions. The following penalties will be administered:

1st Violation

- The student athlete shall be immediately ineligible for interscholastic competition in the current interscholastic sports program for the remainder of the season. Ineligibility shall continue until the next sports season in which the student athlete wishes to turn out. In order to be eligible to participate in the next interscholastic sports season, the student athlete shall meet with the school eligibility board, consisting of coaches and administrators selected by the principal to request approval to participate. The school eligibility board will recommend to the principal an appropriate action to be taken in the student athlete's case. The school principal shall have the final authority as to the student athlete's participation in the interscholastic sports program. A student athlete who seeks and receives help for a problem with use of legend drugs (RCW 69.41.010 identified substances) shall be given the opportunity for assistance through the school and/or community agencies. In no instance shall participation in a school and/or community-approved assistance program excuse a student athlete from subsequent compliance with the regulation. However, successful utilization of such an opportunity or compliance

with the athletic code by the student athlete may allow him/her to have eligibility reinstated in the athletic program, pending recommendation by the school eligibility authority.

2nd Violation

- A student athlete who again violates any provision of RCW 69.41.010 through 69.41.050 shall be ineligible and prohibited from participating in any WIAA member school interscholastic sports program for a period of one calendar year from the date of the second violation.

3rd Violation

- A student athlete who violates for a third time RCW 69.41.010 through 69.41.050 shall be permanently prohibited from participation in any WIAA member school athletic program.

Any further violation(s) of the athletic/activity code of any provision of RCW 69.41.010 through 69.41.050 **while serving a violation suspension** will result in the student being moved to the next violation and its consequences.

Disciplinary action relating to the use of alcohol, tobacco, drug, electronic vaping devices or their products:

Any violation of regulations concerning the possession, consumption, or association with alcohol, tobacco, drugs, electronic vaping devices or their products during the sport season will result in the following specific disciplinary action:

1st Violation

1. Athletes who are caught in possession, consumption, or association with alcohol, tobacco, drugs, electronic vaping devices or their products will receive the **greater** of the following penalties: be immediately terminated from the team for the rest of the current season or lose fifty percent (50%) of the season which can carry over to the next athletic season that the student participates in (see number 4).
2. An exception to this rule will be if the athlete admits his/her mistake. Athletes who admit their mistake (referred to as the “**honesty clause**”) when **first confronted** will be allowed to remain with the team but miss the following number of games. At the discretion of the coach and principal/athletic director, the athlete will be permitted to travel with the team and be with the team during games as long as the athlete does not miss any school time.

Football	Two (2) games
Track	Two (2) meets
Cross Country	Two (2) meets
Baseball	Four (4) games
Softball	Four (4) games
Basketball	Four (4) games

Volleyball	Four (4) games
Golf	Two (2) matches

3. The student athlete will be required to attend all practices as required by the coach and could be asked to complete a school-approved drug and alcohol awareness program.
4. In the event the suspension is not completed during the current sport season, the suspension will carry over to the next sport season in which the student athlete participates.
5. Student athletes may appeal the decision if new information is presented that was not presented before the ruling. The appeal committee will consist of a faculty member selected by the student athlete in question and an administrator from each school.
6. A parent/athlete/coach/athletic director/principal conference shall be conducted before the athlete may resume playing in athletic contests.

2nd Violation

1. A student athlete who commits a second offense during the school year will be prohibited from participation in interscholastic athletics for a period of one calendar year from the date of the second violation. In the event the suspension is not completed during the current school year, the suspension will carry over to the next school year.
2. The athlete shall forfeit any and all awards they would have received while playing in the sport that the second offense occurred.
3. A student athlete under the honesty clause may request a lesser penalty to a committee consisting of a faculty member selected by the student athlete in question and an athletic director or administrator from each school, only if new information is presented.
4. It will be mandatory that the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) admit the athlete to drug, alcohol, tobacco, or vaping device awareness classes before they will be allowed to participate in TR athletics.
5. For the second offense for a junior high player, that athlete will not be allowed to participate in any future junior high interscholastic athletics.
6. A parent/athlete/coach/athletic director/principal conference shall be conducted before the athlete may resume playing in athletic contests.

3rd Violation

1. The student athlete will be permanently ineligible for interscholastic competition from the date of the third infraction. The student athlete will be ineligible to receive a letter during that period.

Any further violation(s) of the athletic/activity code of regulations concerning the possession, consumption, or association with alcohol, tobacco, drugs, electronic vaping devices or their products **while serving a violation suspension** will result in the student being moved to the next violation and its consequences.

VERIFICATION OF VIOLATIONS:

The following **may** be used as evidence of a possible violation of the athletic code:

1. Citation issued or charges requested by a law enforcement officer.
2. Student admitting to a violation.
3. A Tekoa or Rosalia certificated or classified employee or school board members viewing a violation.
4. Any report received by a student, parent, or community member would generate an informal hearing to determine if guilt exists in regards to possible athletic code violations.

Academic Requirements:

The following academic criteria are required of all athletes in order to participate in athletics:

- A. Passing all classes (no F's)
- B. No more than one (1) D/D+ grade

Grade Checks:

The academic code will continue throughout the school year. Beginning on the third week of each semester, grade checks will be done on ALL students to check their academic standing. These grade checks will continue throughout the school year on a regular schedule (*see school calendar for grade check days*) and at the end of each term and semester. These grade check reports, along with term and semester grades, will be used to determine the eligibility status of all students. Students must have all assignments turned in by the end of the school day on the Friday before the grade check.

Grades will be posted by the staff before the Monday grade check period or at the end of each term/semester. Grade checks will be distributed on Monday and the eligibility period will begin on Tuesday.

Per WIAA rules, at the end of the school year, a student must be passing six of seven classes in order to be eligible the first five weeks of school during the fall sport season.

Probation:

If a student fails to meet the academic criteria listed above, they will be first placed on **ACADEMIC PROBATION**. Once students are placed on academic probation, they will remain on probation until the next grade check. If, at the next grade check, students are passing all classes and have no more than one (1) D/D+ grade, *then they will be removed from the probation list.*

When a student is placed on **ACADEMIC PROBATION**, they will have no extracurricular restrictions unless requested by parent/guardian. Students may continue to participate in practices and games.

Suspension:

If after being on academic probation, athletes that are still failing one or more classes, or have more than one (1) D/D+ grade, will be placed on **ACADEMIC SUSPENSION**. Once an athlete

is placed on *ACADEMIC SUSPENSION*, they will remain on *ACADEMIC SUSPENSION* for a minimum of one week (Tuesday through the following Monday). If at the end of the one-week period an athlete has improved their academic standing (passing ALL classes and no more than one (1) D/D+ grade, an athlete may be removed from the suspension list and placed on probation until the next grade check.

Athlete's *MUST* make arrangements to meet with their individual teacher(s) to help improve their grade(s). Athlete's that do not make an attempt to improve their grades by meeting with teachers will not be eligible to practice the day they fail to meet and may be dismissed from the team.

Students placed on *ACADEMIC SUSPENSION* will be allowed to practice and only attend games that require no absence from school. Students *MAY NOT* dress down and participate in any game(s) until the *SUSPENSION* has been lifted.

If an athlete has been placed on *ACADEMIC SUSPENSION* twice during the season or is on *ACADEMIC SUSPENSION* and does not bring their grades up during the *ACADEMIC SUSPENSION* grading period, the athlete will be dropped from the team for the remainder of that season. Athlete's *MAY NOT* turn out for the next sports season until they meet the academic requirements of passing all classes and no more than one (1) D/D+.

The "F" Rule:

Any student who is failing any class or has more than one (1) D/D+ grades regardless of their probation or suspension status, will not be allowed to leave school early for activities, field trips, or athletic events. An athlete or student may still be eligible to participate if they are not on suspension, they just *MAY NOT* leave school before the end of the school day if they are failing any class or classes.

Academic Appeal:

Athletes who experience difficulties staying academically eligible may have the opportunity to appeal any unusual circumstances (hardships) to a committee as outlined in the appeal section of the athletic code. The teacher/s of the subject/s in which the student received an "F" or "D" will also be a part of the appeal committee.

Appeal Process for Disciplinary Action:

Any parent or student who is aggrieved by the imposition of discipline shall have the right to an informal conference with the principal/athletic director for the purpose of resolving the grievance. The conference must be requested within three (3) school business days after the imposition of the discipline.

After exhausting this remedy, the parent and student may, within three school business days, present a written grievance to the superintendent of the school that the student attends. If the grievance is not resolved, the parent and student, upon two school business days prior notice,

have the right to present a written grievance to the school board at its next regular meeting. A closed meeting may be held for the purpose of considering the grievance. The board shall notify the parent and student of its response to the grievance within ten (10) school business days after the date of the regular meeting in which the grievance was presented. The disciplinary action shall continue notwithstanding implementation of the grievance procedure unless the principal, with the assistance of the coaches involved, superintendent, or school board elects to postpone such action.