ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

While the Tumwater School District is aware of the important role that interscholastic athletics play in the development of students, we are also committed to the philosophy that secondary schools are preparing students academically to become productive citizens upon graduation. For these reasons, we have established the following academic standards for our student athletes.

ELIGIBILITY POLICIES

1. Grade checks will occur at the beginning of each season, and then 3 weeks into the season.
2. A student/athlete may not have more than 1 "F".
    a. At grade check if a student has more than 1 "F", they will be on probation Until the student has achieved passing grades in a minimum of 5 out of 6 classes.
    b. During the probation, students may practice, but not compete in an event or contest.
    c. Once the student is passing a minimum of 5 out of 6 classes, the athlete will work with the school Athletic Director to determine eligibility.
3. After a second consecutive academic ineligible grade check, the athlete will be released from the team for the remainder of the season.

ATHLETIC DISCIPLINE

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

- All participants should demonstrate positive citizenship in the school building, classroom and athletic program. Conduct, which interferes with the educational process, is prohibited.
- Any participant referred to the administration for disruptive behavior that requires administrative action will be made aware of the possible consequences of his/her actions, and may receive a disciplinary action.
- Any student representing the school in athletic activities must meet the dress and grooming standards established by the school dress code.
- Any display of unsportsmanlike conduct will have consequences. Examples of un-sportsmanship like conduct include; profanity, obscene or vulgar language or gestures, harassment, or taunting.

CONSEQUENCES

If an athlete does not follow the behavior expectations, the following consequences may apply:

- Conference with the student, head coach, and parent/guardian
- Suspension from the next event(s)
- Suspension from team for remainder of season

As per WIAA 18.27.0, when there is an ejection from a contest due to unsportsmanlike conduct, the consequences will be:

➢ **1st Ejection:** Student will be prohibited from participating in the remainder of that contest, and the next contest.
➢ **2nd Ejection:** Student is prohibited from participation the remainder of the season.

EXCEPTIONAL MISCONDUCT

Undesirable student behavior requiring administrative action as established in the School Board Policy 3200 will be subject to the following actions:

➢ **1st Offense:** Suspension for at least the next event. If such behavior occurs after the last scheduled event, the discipline may carry over into the individual's next season.
➢ **2nd Offense:** Suspension for the remainder of the athletic season.

CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS

Participants are representatives of the Tumwater School District. They are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner that reflects the high standards of their team school and community. Participation in co-curricular activities within the Tumwater School District requires that athletes maintain successful performance in academics and citizenship.

ATTENDANCE

- In order to be eligible to **participate in either practice** or competition athletes **must attend the entire school day**.
- The principal or designee will approve any exception to this requirement.
- If an athlete has a medical appointment, the athlete must provide a Doctor's note with date and time in order for the absence to be excused.
- **Students who are serving in-school or out-of-school suspension may not participate in either practice or competition.**
- After school detention is considered an unexcused tardy.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES-Athletes are expected to attend practice each day

- 1st Offense-Warning to student and coach notifies parents
- 2nd Offense-Student may be suspended from team for the remainder of the season
- Athletes who miss practice on the day before a contest may have limited playing time in that contest.

TRAVEL

Transportation to away events is provided by Tumwater School District. Athletes are expected to travel with the team. Exceptions may be:

- Injury to a participant, which would require alternate transportation
- Travel release form must be completed 24 hours prior to competition

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND OTHER DRUG USE AND POSSESSION

Consumption, possession, transmission or selling the following prohibited substances: alcoholic beverages, drugs (including anabolic steroids), look-alike drugs, and narcotics or tobacco products including e-cigarettes is prohibited. If an athlete violates these guidelines, the following consequences may apply.

- **1st Offense:** Immediate suspension from the team. Should the athlete agree to an assessment and mandatory compliance with the assessment recommendations, the suspension may be reduced to ten (10) school days without competition, commencing from the day of the meeting of the student, head coach, and administrator. During the suspension period, the athlete cannot participate in practice or competition.

- **2nd Offense:** An athlete who again violates shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition for a period of one (1) calendar year from the date of the second violation.

- **3rd Offense:** An athlete who violates for a third time shall be permanently ineligible for interscholastic competition.

In order to return to participation, the athlete must provide written verification of the results and compliance with the recommendations of the drug/alcohol evaluation to the school administration. School administration will determine the student's status after reviewing the results and recommendations of the drug/alcohol evaluation.