

TURNER USD 202 ACTIVITIES CODE OF CONDUCT

Philosophy

Turner USD 202 believes in the value of athletics and activities. Participation in extracurricular and co-curricular activities is a privilege and students who represent Turner Schools through participation in athletics and activities are to be held to a high standard of conduct.

United Kansas Conference Code of Ethics (THS)

The United Kansas Conference (UKC) is a conference of member schools of the Kansas State High School Athletics Association (KSHSAA), and abides by the governing rules listed by the KSHSAA (Specifically, Rule 52). In addition, the UKC also adheres to the following policies, procedures, and expectations:

It is the expectation that all concerned, at any high school event:

1. Promote high standards of ethics, sportsmanship, and personal conduct.
2. Encourage administration, coaches, staff, student-athletes, and community to commit to high standards of ethical behavior.
3. Display respect and integrity for all officials, players, coaches, and spectators.
4. Promote eligibility standards for each student-athlete understanding that athletic participation is a privilege for those who achieve in the classroom first.
5. Recognize that high school athletics are an extension of the classroom and to promote physical, mental, moral, social, and emotional well-being of each student-athlete.
6. Maintain the boundaries of the athletic contest to ensure the safety of the athletes, officials, coaches, and spectators.
7. Utilize positive means of communication and refrain from abusive language and gestures.

Inability to adhere to the aforementioned expectations could lead to the removal of any participant in attendance of the contest and indefinite suspension from high school contests.

Kaw Valley League (TMS)

Turner Middle School is a member of the Kaw Valley League.

Athletic and Activity Guidelines

Failure to adhere to the following guidelines can result in the student not participating in the sport or activity:

1. Attendance is expected at school, team practices and contests.
2. Academic performance in the classroom is to be the focus of the student athlete's ability. In order to be eligible, a student must pass five classes, in accordance with the KSHSAA criteria, at every grading period including midterm grades. Students can regain eligibility as soon as grades are raised, if the prior semester's performance doesn't lead to ineligibility under KSHSAA rules.
3. The student athlete is responsible for all school equipment and clothing issued to him or her.
4. The student athlete is socially responsible and operates within the established school district rules for students. When a student reaches 5 office referrals, his or her good standing will be reviewed by the administration, and the review may result in ineligibility or probationary status.
5. The use or possession of tobacco, alcohol and/or other drugs is prohibited.

6. The student athlete is to adhere to all rules established by the Kansas State High School Activities Association.
7. The student athlete is to demonstrate self-discipline, self-motivation, loyalty, cooperation and fair play in an atmosphere that generates good sportsmanship.
8. Students may not attend practices or games if they are out of school suspended.
9. In the event of possible dismissal from a team or activity, student and parent(s) will be invited to meet with the athletic director or principal prior to a final decision.

Eligibility

A student must be in good standing and meet the requirements of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, the Board of Education of USD 202, and any additional requirements established by THS or TMS to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities, meaning all school activities both of an athletic and non-athletic nature.

Specifically, the rules of the KSHSAA are:

1. The student (participant) shall be a bona fide undergraduate member of his or her school and in good standing. (Rule 14)
2. Students must have on file in the office all required medical paperwork including a current physical.
3. The student shall not have participated in any sport for money or prizes. Athletes may be recognized at dinners, but such dinners must be limited to athletes of the local community. (Rules 20 and 21)
4. The student must have passed at least five subjects of unit weight the semester prior to competition and must be enrolled in at least five subjects of unit weight during the semester they compete. (Rule 13)
5. A student is not considered in good standing with his school if he or she is under penalty of suspension. (Rule 14)
6. A student who is a member of a school athletic team may not participate as a member of an outside team or as an independent competitor in the same sport. Violation of this rule shall make a student ineligible for the remainder of that sport's season unless he or she is reinstated by the Executive Board of KSHSAA. (Rule 22)

Clearance to Participate

The Athletics Participation packet must be completed and received in the Athletics Office before any student may participate in practice, participate in tryouts, or participate in competition. The participation packet consists of:

- KSHSAA Physical Form
- KSHSAA Eligibility Checklist
- Concussion Information Release Form
- TUSD Emergency Medical Authorization
- Code of Conduct Acknowledgement
- Children's Mercy Informed Consent
- Activities Code of Conduct

Please be sure all forms are filled out and required signatures are complete. Incomplete packets will not be accepted. Student athletes in grades 7-12 must have a new physical dated after May 1st of each year and on file with the Athletic Office in order to participate.

NCAA/NAIA Eligibility Requirements

All students participating in athletics should check with their coach to review the NCAA/NAIA Guidelines. If you want to practice and play your freshman year at a NCAA 15 Division I or II college, you must satisfy the requirements of NCAA Bylaw 5-(j). See your counselor for details.

Attendance

Students must attend at least half of their scheduled classes in order to participate in an extracurricular activity, contest, practice, or performance that same day. Students who arrive late or must leave during the school day due to medical appointments must bring proof of attendance from the doctor's office which includes both date and time seen. Excessive tardies and/or absences may result in disciplinary action being applied both at school and in relation to activities. Coaches/sponsors may have team rules that are stricter than these at their discretion which will be shared with parents at the beginning of the activity or season.

Conflicts Between Activities

Students should make the best choices when participating in activities to avoid conflicts between activities. This involves good communication, decision-making skills, prioritizing, and long-range goals and aspirations. However, when a conflict arises between two school-sponsored activities, consideration should be given to the following list: (Ultimately, the decision will be made by the student with no repercussions).

1. State contest
2. District contest
3. Conference contest
4. Interscholastic contest
5. Required (dress rehearsal) practices
6. Regular practices

Substance Policy

Turner USD 202 believes that students involved in athletics and activities must be positive representatives of the Turner School District and community; the use or misuse of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and similar items prevents students from meeting this expectation and are therefore not acceptable.

Students who are found to violate this expectation **during the school day or while participating in any school-sponsored activity** will be subject to consequences assigned by the student's administrator and/or the athletic director which may include removal from the team/activity.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Turner students are expected to be positive representatives of their school and community. All acts of unsportsmanlike behavior will be reviewed by administration, event officials, and coaches/sponsors to determine appropriate consequences to be administered by the principal.

and/or athletic director; these consequences may range in severity from a conference with the student to removal from the activity and/or school depending on the event.

Suspensions from School

Students who are out-of-school suspended (OSS) shall not be allowed to participate or be present for practice, games, contests, or performances. Coaches/sponsors have the right to apply additional consequences for these absences or for students assigned to in-school suspension (ISS).

Removal from Teams or Activities

Student athletes may be removed from a team for a period of time or for the remainder of a season for violations of the Activities Code of Conduct, TUSD Student Handbook, and other severe disciplinary reasons.

In the event of a student's removal from a team, the parent/guardian and student may request a meeting with the coach/sponsor and athletic director to review the decision.

Chain of Command

In the event of conflict, disagreement, or concerns, the first conversation should be between the coach/sponsor and the student; the next appropriate tier is conversation between the guardian and the coach/sponsor. The AD will not become involved in any situation that has not first been addressed at the coach/sponsor level.

Fan Behavior

Any fan in attendance at a school-sponsored activity is to be held to the same standard of conduct and positive representation as participants. If any administrator, Turner or otherwise, feels a fan cannot handle this responsibility, they have the right to remove that fan from the event. Multiple offenses may result in no trespassing paperwork being served to an individual barring attendance at any school event.

Travel

Students are expected to travel to all extracurricular and co-curricular activities on school-sponsored transportation with their team and/or coach/sponsor. Parents/guardians may sign their student out with a coach and take them home if they are present at an away activity, but may only transport their own student. TUSD administration acknowledges that special situations and emergencies may arise; in these situations, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to communicate with the coach and activities director in advance to determine a plan.

Athletic Training and Injuries

Athletic training services are provided through Children's Mercy Hospital. The Athletic Trainer has absolute decision-making authority over return to play following an injury.

This Code of Conduct is in addition to all other district and building handbooks. A signature below indicates that a copy of the Code of Conduct has been received and reviewed.

Student

Guardian