



TENAYA MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Athletic Eligibility and Participation Criteria

Athletes must attend school to be eligible to participate in practice or competition for that day. For example, if a student is absent on Monday from school, they may not participate in practice or a game that day. Friday's attendance will be used to determine eligibility for Saturday games. **Students must attend a minimum of 4 class periods and follow all academic and behavioral expectations to participate,** and all absences must be cleared by a doctor's note to be eligible to play.

Academic Eligibility

Athletes must have a GPA of 2.0 or better.

- INELIGIBLE
 - Students who earn below a 2.0 GPA and pass at least 4 classes (D or higher) in two consecutive quarters.
 - Students who do not pass 4 classes (D or higher) in a quarter.
 - Students **may not** participate in athletic contests or be released early from school to attend a contest.
- + **Students who are suspended from school or classes will not be eligible to participate in school activities.**

Enforcement of Expectations

Violation	Penalties
1. Not meeting student expectations	Conference
2. Not meeting student expectations repeatedly	Probation
3. Minor violation: not suspended from school, but not meeting student expectations	Suspended from all activities 1-14 days
4. Major Violation: suspended from school	Suspended from all activities 14 consecutive days and not more than one calendar year.
5. Ejection from contest	Automatic suspension of one contest
6. Second Ejection from contest during same season	Automatic suspension of two contests
7. Third ejection from contest during same season	Automatic suspension from all sports for one calendar year

- ***Students who are formally suspended will receive a 14- school day activity suspension.***



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Appeal Process for Athletic Suspension

The Fresno Unified Athletic Department has established a Process for an Appeals Hearing for athletic suspensions. The process is as follows:

- The student must request an appeal in writing within three school days of the penalty.
- The student must submit his/her appeal in writing one day prior to the Appeal Hearing.
- The student must state why he/she should be reinstated to athletic activities. The student should also state what he/she has learned from the suspension.
- An Appeals Panel will be set up by the Athletic Director and/or Administrator.
- The Appeals Panel shall not include the student's current season of sport coach.
- The Panel will review the reasons for the suspension prior to the hearing.
- The Panel will review the student's written appeal prior to the hearing.
- The Athletic Director and/or an Administrator will conduct the hearing.
- Parents and Guardians are welcome to attend the hearing.
- The student will explain to the panel why he/she should be reinstated. The student should also explain to the panel what he/she has learned from the suspension.
- The Panel may ask the student direct questions.
- At the conclusion of the hearing, the student and parent(s) or guardian(s) will be excused.
- The Panel will discuss the suspension and come to a majority decision.
- The Panel can uphold or recuse athletic suspension. They may add stipulations as needed.
- The Athletic Director will notify the student and parent(s) or guardian(s) of the Panel's decision.
- The Panel's decision is final.

Dismissal From a Team

Dismissal from a team is the last action a coach should take in attempting to discipline a student. Suspension and counseling are alternative ways of dealing with discipline problems. However, there may be situations that require a student to be suspended from a team indefinitely. The following reasons may be situations that require a student to be suspended from a team indefinitely. The following reasons may warrant an indefinite suspension or dismissal:

- Failure to maintain academic standards
- Violation of District rules governing eligibility (age, residence, etc)
- Suspension from school
- Violation of District Code of Ethics
- Absent from practice or contests without notifying coach.