

TANQUE VERDE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE HANDBOOK

A message from assistant principal and athletic director, Gary Lewis:

Welcome to Tanque Verde High School athletics. We are committed to providing you an experience that extends far beyond the arenas where competitions against our fellow schools occur. It is our aim to enhance your high school academic experience with additional opportunities to grow, not only as athletes, but as potential future leaders of our communities. The privilege of high school athletic participation carries with it a responsibility to represent your family, your school, and your community with the highest degree of sportsmanship and class at all times. Congratulations on being a part of the Tanque Verde Hawks athletic family!



MISSION STATEMENT:

To provide opportunities for personal growth through healthy competition.

VISION STATEMENT:

To be a model program excelling in sportsmanship, academics and athletics.

ATHLETIC PHILOSOPHY:

We are committed to the comprehensive development of our student-athletes. This includes physical, emotional, moral and intellectual aspects of personal growth. The Athletic Department promotes the principles of service, character development, leadership and sportsmanship within the framework of the community.

Interscholastic Athletics

High school students may participate in after school interscholastic programs at Tanque Verde High School. The electronic registration process must be completed before a student may participate in tryouts or practices. TVHS athletic participation policy will at minimum meet Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) requirements and in some cases may be more stringent.

Fee:

- \$100.00 per activity.

Interscholastic Sports

The following Interscholastic Sports are available for high school students at Tanque Verde High School.

Fall:

Football

Girls Volleyball

Boys Cross Country

Girls Cross Country

Co-Ed Swimming

Co-Ed Spiritline

Co-Ed Pom

Winter:

Boys Basketball

Girls Basketball

Boys Soccer

Girls Soccer

Co-Ed Spiritline

Co-Ed Pom

Spring:

Softball

Baseball

Boys Tennis

Girls Tennis

Co-Ed Golf

Academic and Attendance Eligibility Requirements

Academic Eligibility:

Eligibility checks are conducted by the Assistant Principal/Athletic Director following interim and quarter grade reports. At these intervals, students must:

- Be passing **all** TVHS classes, including Department Aide class and TVHS Digital Learning on-line courses
- Maintain an overall C average (2.0 GPA on a 4.0 GPA scale).

Department Aide

A passing grade in a Department Aide class is not calculated in the eligibility GPA calculation. Failure to meet these requirements will result in academic ineligibility.

“Incomplete” grade

Students receiving a grade of “Incomplete” at a respective grading period will have ten (10) school days to complete the necessary work and receive a letter grade. A student is not eligible for competitions with an Incomplete “I” grade status.

Students may not “withdraw” from a class in order to avoid becoming academically ineligible.

Consequences for Ineligibility

A **mandatory** (5) five school day academic ineligibility period will begin on the Monday following the respective grading period.

- First and second time ineligible athletes may not travel to away games or dress for home games. Attendance at practices and home competitions are encouraged yet, depending on individual circumstances, are at the discretion of the head coach.

- Further ineligibility within the designated season may result in an athlete being removed from their team.

Regaining Eligibility

- Students may petition to regain their eligibility **after** the five (5) school day ineligibility period. A **Regaining Eligibility Form** must be submitted to the athletic department office no later than noon on the Monday following the ineligibility period (or earlier if the team is scheduled to leave campus prior to noon for an away contest on that day).
- Failure to have a passing grade in **all** classes at this time, or to provide the regaining eligibility form by the deadline will result in the continued ineligible status of the student-athlete until all requirements are satisfied.
- Once eligibility has been regained, the student will remain eligible until the next grading period.

Attendance Policy

- It is an expectation that Student-athletes **attend all scheduled classes** in order to be eligible for participation in any practice or competition.

Tardy Policy

- It is an expectation that Student-athletes be early or on time to every scheduled class.

The athletic director reserves the right to deny the privilege of participation in any practice and or competition for student-athletes who fail to meet these expectations.

INITIATION AND HAZING: *It is unlawful for a student to engage in any activity involving an initiation, hazing, intimidation, assault or other activity resulting in physical or mental harm to others. This prohibited activity includes both on and off school campus, in addition to cyber activity. This activity will not be tolerated.*

TVHS Issued Equipment/Uniforms

Students involved in athletics at TVHS will be issued school owned equipment.

Students must return the exact equipment they were issued to avoid having to pay for its replacement. Damage from improper care (**including unauthorized alterations to uniforms**) or misuse of the equipment will result in the student/parent incurring a charge for its replacement, no exceptions. All equipment is to be returned to the proper school personnel within 5 school days of the end of the season. ***The TVHS athletic department does not permit the “gifting” of jerseys at the conclusion of an athlete’s season.***