

# THOMAS DALE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC RULES

**POLICY STATEMENT:** To ensure equality and fairness of treatment, the following rules will apply to all athletes who participate for Thomas Dale High School. Consequences are listed below, but athletes may also be subject to the rules established by the head coach of a specific team.

- 1 Athletes will adhere to all school rules as outlined in the TDHS Handbook and the Student Code of Conduct.  
Consequence(s):  
Determined by School Administration
- 2 Athletes will not use or possess tobacco products.  
Consequence(s):  
1<sup>st</sup> offense – 1 game/competition suspension plus Student Code of Conduct Enforcement.  
2<sup>nd</sup> offense – dismissal from team.
- 3 Athletes will not use or possess alcohol or illegal drugs.  
Consequence(s):  
1<sup>st</sup> offense – dismissal from the team plus Student Code of Conduct Enforcement
- 4 Athletes will not engage in aggressive behavior, to include fighting, shoving or any type of physical altercation (subject to official's call.)  
Consequence(s):  
1<sup>st</sup> offense – 2 game/competition suspension (VHSL Rule 27-1)  
2<sup>nd</sup> offense – dismissal from the team
- 5 **PRACTICES/GAMES:** Athletes are expected to attend all scheduled practices and scheduled games unless excused by the coach.  
Consequence(s):  
1<sup>st</sup> offense – 1 game competition suspension  
2<sup>nd</sup> offense – dismissal from the team
- 6 **SUSPENSION FROM SCHOOL:** Athletes who are suspended from school are automatically suspended from the team for the days suspended from school.  
Consequence(s):  
2<sup>nd</sup> offense – dismissal from the team
- 7 **EXPULSION:** Athletes who are expelled from school are automatically dismissed from the team.
- 8 **HONESTY AND TRUTHFULNESS:** Athletes will be truthful and honest with their coaches. Dishonesty and/or lying will not be tolerated.  
Consequence(s):  
1<sup>st</sup> offense – 1 game/competition plus Student Code of Conduct Enforcement
- 9 **SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS:** Substituted players or players not in the game will stay off the playing area/court during any verbal or physical altercation.  
Consequence(s):  
1<sup>st</sup> offense – 1 game/competition suspension (VHSL – 30-5-1)  
2<sup>nd</sup> offense – dismissal for the team
- 10 **EJECTION FROM GAME OR CONTEST:** Athletes who are ejected from a game or contest will be subject to the following:  
Consequence(s):  
1<sup>st</sup> offense - 1 game/competition suspension (VHSL – 30-5-1)  
2<sup>nd</sup> offense - 2 game/competition suspension (VHSL – 30-5-1)  
3<sup>rd</sup> offense – dismissal from the team
- 11 **TRAVEL:** Team members must ride the athletic bus if provided by the school to and from all away games/matches. A parent can personally pick up his/her own child from away events. Athletes who violate this rule may receive 1-2 game/competition suspension plus Student Code of Conduct enforcement and possible suspension from the team for rest of the season.

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- 12 Thomas Dale High School and Chesterfield County will not be responsible for personal property that might be left at school or any away locations. Individuals are personally responsible for their property.
- 13 **GENERAL CONDUCT:** At all times, athletes must conduct themselves in a manner that is becoming of TDHS. Inappropriate behavior/actions, to include defiance, will lead to the following consequence(s):  
Consequence(s):  
1<sup>st</sup> offense – 1 game/competition plus Student Code of Conduct Enforcement  
2<sup>nd</sup> offense – dismissal from the team
- 14 **AFTER SCHOOL POLICY:** At the end of the school day students must leave the building unless a coach or sponsor directly supervises them. On game days students/players may not re-enter the building unless they are directly supervised by a coach or sponsor. Parent have the responsibility of providing transportation for their children to get back to school at the time designated by their coaches or sponsors, whether for practice or for scheduled events. **STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE IN THE BUILDING WITHOUT A COACH OR SPONSOR.**  
Consequence(s):  
1<sup>st</sup> offense – Handled by the coaches or sponsor  
2<sup>nd</sup> offense – 1 game suspension at discretion of coaches  
3<sup>rd</sup> offense – dismissal from team
- 15 **PARENT(S) GUARDIAN(S):** Support for our athletic program is welcomed by the coaching staff and the administration. The administration has done its very best to select the most qualified coaches and assistants for our teams and organizations. For the benefit of all activities here at Thomas Dale, we must ask that parent(s)/guardian(s) refrain from interfering with coaching activities, either in practice or in competition. If you feel the necessity to speak with a coach about a problem, please refrain from doing so during practice or competition. Contact the coach at school by telephone (804) 789-6245 or leave a message for him/her and your call will be returned during planning time. If you find it necessary to speak with someone after talking with the coach, please call the Activities Director at (804) 768-6245 ext 687.
- 16 **STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK UP AND STUDENT AND PARENT PARKING:** Student athletes must park in spaces that are available in the student parking lot (Old Centralia side of the building) or available spaces in the teachers' parking lot (Tennis Court area). Parents who drop off their athletes must drop them off in the student parking lot area. The access driving lane behind the school on the teacher parking lot side is not to be used for dropping off and picking up athletes. All parking spaces behind the school in the area between the teacher's parking lot and the main building are reserved for coaches, custodians, administrators, or specific designees. PARENTS, ATHLETES, STUDENTS, PATRONS, ETC., are not permitted to park in these designated areas, towing at your own expense will be enforced. Coaches will enforce this policy with team consequences.

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## ATHLETE AND PARENT MUST SIGN BELOW, TEAR OFF AND GIVE SIGNED AGREEMENT TO COACH

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AGREEMENT: Signatures below signify agreement by athlete and parent/guardian to abide by the policy rules set forth in this document.

School Year \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Athlete \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_