

# THOMAS DALE HIGH SCHOOL

## Athletic Rules (Revised)

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

1. Athletes will adhere to all school rules as outlined in the TDHS Handbook and Student Code of Conduct.  
**Consequences(s):** Determined by school administration.
2. Athletes will not use or possess tobacco products.  
**Consequence(s):** 1st offense - 1 game/competition suspension plus Student Code of enforcement.  
2nd offense - dismissal from team.
3. Athletes will not use or possess alcohol or illegal drugs.  
**Consequence(s):** 1st offense - dismissal from team plus school policy 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):** 1st offense - 2 game / competition suspension (VHSL Rule 27-13-6)  
2nd offense - dismissal from the team.
5. **PRACTICE/GAMES:** Athletes are expected to attend all scheduled practices and scheduled games unless excused by the coach.  
**Consequences(s):** 1st offense - 1 game suspension.  
2nd offense - dismissal from the team.
6. SUSPENSION FROM SCHOOL: Athletes who are suspended from school are automatically suspended from the team for the number of days suspended from school.  
**Consequence(s)** 2nd offense - dismissal from team.
7. EXPULSION: Athletes who are expelled from school are automatically dismissed from the team.
8. HONEST AND TRUTHFULNESS: Athletes will be truthful and honest with their coaches. Dishonesty and/or lying will not be tolerated.  
**Consequence(s):** 1st offense - 1 game/competition suspension plus Student Code of Conduct enforcement.  
2nd offense - dismissal from the team.
9. SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS: Substitute players or players not in the game will stay off the playing area/court during any verbal or physical altercation.  
**Consequence(s):** 1st offense: 1 game/competition suspension (VHSL Rule 30-5-1)
10. EJECTION FROM GAME/CONTEST: Athletes who are ejected from a game or contest will be subjected to the following consequences:  
  
1st offense - 1 game/competition suspension (VHSL Rule 30-5-1)

2nd offense - 2 game/competition suspension (VHS Rule 30.3.1)  
3rd offense - dismissal from the team

11. 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 consequences:
- 1st offense - 1-2 game/competition suspension plus Student Code of Conduct enforcement.  
2nd offense - dismissal from the team
12. TRAVEL: Team members must ride the athletic bus if provided by the school to and from all away games/matches, etc. A parent can personally pick up his/her own child from away events. Athletics who violate this rule may receive 1-2 game/competition suspension plus Student Code of Conduct enforcement and possible suspension from the team for the rest of the season.
13. Thomas Dale and Chesterfield County will not be responsible for personal property that might be left at TD or any away location. Individuals are personally responsible for their own property.
14. PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S): Support for our athletic program at Thomas Dale 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 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) 768-6245 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 768-6245 ext. 687.

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### ATHLETIC RULES AND POLICY OF THOMAS DALE HIGH SCHOOL

Athlete and parent/guardian must sign below, tear off and give signed agreement to coach. Signed agreement will be kept on file by the Activities Director.

**Agreement** : Signature below signify agreement by athletes and their parent/guardian to abide by the policy/rules set forth in this document.

Signatures...

Athlete: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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