

Telesis Preparatory Academy
ATHLETIC HANDBOOK
2018-2019
WELCOME TO
TELESIS ATHLETICS

Telesis is a part of the AZCAA (Arizona Canyon Athletic Association)

Telesis Preparatory Academy, A Division of Telesis Center for Learning, Inc. is an accredited Kindergarten through 12th grade public (charter) school. As a representative of our city, we have taken on the role of being a model school for all other schools in our state. Representing Character and Integrity on or off the playing field, our student athletes display these characteristics on behalf of Telesis Preparatory Academy. It is imperative that our team character be placed first whether it is a win or a loss at all team games in or out of the community. When coaching and teaching student athletes the true value in character is not only the successfulness of the athletic program in school but also the impact made in their own personal lives.

Our school is represented by our teams, media, fans and community. As a Character First school it is our responsibility to hold our standards high and present ourselves with character first. To maintain the right perspective about our school team sports will help us in our quest for character first student athletes.

The Goal

The main goal of the Telesis administration and coaching staff is to develop athletes who serve as role models for their classmates. These student/athletes are reminded while at practice, competing in a contest, participating in the classroom, or the community at large; they're a representative of Telesis. As such, it is expected that their sportsmanship be above reproach at all times.

Goals and Objectives

- Implement the “CHARACTER FIRST MODEL” with trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.
- Emphasize the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, fair play and commitment.
- Encourage and develop qualities of a leader, respect, consistency, cooperation, team effort, and understanding.
- Provide a satisfying and enjoyable activity for the athletes, student body and community and at the same time compete to our best ability.
- Employ the best possible coaches who understand the values of “CHARACTER FIRST”.
- Create a desire to succeed and finish within the bounds of good sportsmanship.

- Develop a desire for physical fitness and health.
- Maximize participation within budgetary realities.
- Develop the mentality of T. E. A. M. together everyone accomplishes more.
- Always finish what you start and finish it strong!

Parent Teacher Booster Club (PTBC)

This is an organization that supports Telesis Preparatory Academy, including the athletic department. Teachers, staff, and parents are encouraged to join. A portion of the funds raised by PTBC are used to supplement equipment purchases, send athletes to summer camps and assist coaches in attending seminars. All parents are encouraged to support the Booster Club by joining each year (a nominal fee) and helping wherever possible.

Sports Offered

FALL SPORTS

Football
Volleyball
Cheerleading
Cross Country

WINTER SPORTS

Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball
Cheerleading

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball
Softball

Eligibility

AGE LIMITS

If a student becomes 19 years of age after September 1, he/she is eligible to compete for the remainder of the school year. If he/she becomes 19 years of age on or before September 1, he/she is not eligible for any part of the school year.

ACADEMICS

Students must pass all classes every week in order to be eligible to compete in interscholastic activities. Failure to receive a cumulative passing grade in every class will result in being restricted from competition, but not from practice.

Eligibility will be determined on Friday of every week. A passing grade is an accumulative C/70% or higher. If a student is failing (59% or lower) ANY class, student is automatically ineligible the following week. Those students who do not have an accumulative 70% average will be ineligible to compete the following week Monday- Saturday. However, if they do bring their grade up they are eligible for the following week; if not they stay ineligible for another whole week Monday-Saturday. Coaches, students and parents will be notified of ineligibility. Students on Suspension or In School Suspension are ineligible for practice or games that week. No exception to rule.

ATTENDANCE

If a student has an unexcused absence from school for any part of the day he/she will not be allowed to practice and or participate in an athletic activity that afternoon or evening on the day of the absence. If a student has missed more than 10 days of school (unexcused) they become ineligible for that entire semester. Any athlete that has more than 3 unexcused absences from practice; the coach then has the right to remove that athlete from the team.

If an athlete misses the following day of school after a game he/she will not be allowed to participate in the next practice, game or contest. If an athlete participates in practice or a game after missing a day of school they will be ineligible immediately to play the next scheduled practice or game.

CITIZENSHIP

Students who fail to conduct themselves in and out of class properly will not participate in interscholastic activities. Any student who is found in violation of the Code of Conduct will be suspended for one week of interscholastic activities. If a student receives a red violation, he/she is under review for suspension for any and all interscholastic activities for the remainder of the school year.

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

A student whether an adult or not, is privileged with eligibility for interscholastic competition only if they attend Telesis or if they are enrolled in online or home schooling and are taking at least 3 full time classes (enrollment must be proven).

RECORDS ON FILE

The following **must** be on record in the Athletic Directors office prior to a student being allowed to practice and/or participate in athletics:

1. Annual Preparticipation Physical Evaluation Medical History – to be completed by guardian
2. Annual Preparticipation Physical Evaluation/Physical Examination – to be completed by physician
3. Concussion Training
4. Signed and returned Athletes/Parents Handbook Commitment to Excellence
5. Signed and returned Individual Insurance Waiver Form
6. Signed and returned Student-Athlete Agreement Form
7. Signed and returned Waiver of Liability
8. Paid sport activity fee

Additional forms may be required.

INSURANCE

Students participating in athletics must have insurance coverage.

SPORT FEES

- Academy Football - \$250
JA Football - \$150
Other sports - \$150
Cheerleading - \$50 + uniform fees
- All lower level student athletes will be charged an annual sport fee of \$25 with a minimal charge for a t-shirt or hat.

- Sport fee must be paid in full to the front office prior to the first game. Please see the Athletic Department Liaison in the front office to be provided a receipt for your payment and for any questions concerning financial assistance if necessary.
- TAX CREDIT: An Arizona State Tax Credit form is in the Athletic Handbook. Your Tax Credit payment made now to Telesis Center for Learning, Inc. will be applied to your Sport/Extracurricular Activity fee. TAX CREDIT DOLLARS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.
- Sport fee does not constitute equal playing time. Playing time is determined by coach and coaching staff.
- Sport fee is subject to change per academic school year and determined by governing school board.
- Sports fees are NON-REFUNDABLE. The ONLY exception made will be in the event of a canceled sports season BEFORE any games are played and the reason for cancellation is not related to student ineligibility.

SPORTS REQUIREMENT

Student athletes will be required to participate in at least two fundraisers.

N.C.A.A. INITIAL ELIGIBILITY CLEARINGHOUSE

Many college athletic programs are regulated by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (N.C.A.A.), an organization founded in 1906 that has established rules on eligibility, recruiting and financial aid. The N.C.A.A. has three divisions- D-1, D-2 and D-3. Institutions are members of a division according to the size and scope of their athletic programs.

If a student is planning to enroll in college as a freshman and wishes to participate in D-1 or D-2 athletics, he/she must be certified by the N.C.A.A. I-E requirements for all prospective student athletes at all member institutions. Clearinghouse information and packets are available at the Athletic Director's office.

A student who wishes to participate in Division I or Division II athletics should start the certification process early, usually the end of his/her junior year. To be certified by the Clearinghouse he/she must:

1. Graduate from high school.

2. Earn a grade point average of at least 2.000 (on a 4.000 scale) in a core curriculum of at least 13 academic courses, which were successfully completed in grades 9 through 12. Please become familiar with the required core classes early so that all requirements can be met in a timely manner. This information is in the Clearinghouse information publication.
3. Earn a sum of scores of at least 17 on the A.C.T. or a combined score of at least 820 on the S.A.T. on a national test grade.

N.A.I.A.

The requirements of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (N.A.I.A.) are similar to those of the N.C.A.A. To be eligible for N.A.I.A. the student athlete must meet any two of the following requirements.

1. Graduate from the upper half of his/her class.
2. Earn a grade point average of at least 2.00 (on a 4.000 scale).
3. Earn a composite score of at least 17 on the A.C.T. or a combined score of at least 820 on the S.A.T. on a national test day.

TRAINING RULES

It is an honor and a privilege to compete in athletics. Athletes at Telesis Preparatory Academy occupy a position of leadership and influence. They are expected to set an example of sportsmanship, integrity, and exemplary conduct. We are proud to be TIGERS here at Telesis. Our accomplishments and reputation, which are based not only on wins/loss records, but also on the conduct our athletes have exhibited on and off the field. The following guidelines will be applied to all participants in our athletic program:

1. The student handbook applies to all of our athletes.
2. The use, possession and/or distribution of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, and/or paraphernalia at any time will result in suspension from the team for the season.
3. Each head coach will establish specific rules and regulations for their programs.
4. Any arrest of an athlete, police citation issued to an athlete, or actions, which bring dispute to the Telesis Athletic program, will result in suspension from the team for the season and/or school year.

APPEARANCE

The Athletic Department and Administration believe that pride, discipline, morale, team unity and community relationships are influenced by the general appearance of our athletes. The following regulations will be applied.

1. No athlete shall wear clothing to practice and athletic events, which violate the dress code as outlined in the student handbook.
2. Athletes will be clean-shaven. No one is allowed to change out in open areas.
3. Head coach of each sport will determine team dress.

AZCAA (Arizona Canyon Athletic Association)

“The Canyon Athletic Association is a not-for-profit corporation created to provide competitive athletic competition for non-traditional educational institutions. The CAA consists of member schools at the Junior High and High School level that wish to participate in interscholastic activities. The member schools include, but are not limited to, charter schools, public schools, home school organizations and parochial schools. It is our goal to help facilitate communication, provide structure and guidelines, organize tournaments and manage the funds necessary for these activities. The CAA seeks to provide high standards of integrity while providing great flexibility to accommodate non-traditional schools.”

EQUIPMENT

Athletes will sign out equipment acknowledging receipt of equipment. Equipment is all numbered and at the end of the season athletes are responsible for returning the exact items issued. If an item is lost or damaged through abuse, the athlete is responsible for paying for the cost to replace it.

No athlete may check out equipment for another sport until he/she has returned and been cleared from previous sport.

Any athlete that quits or is removed from a team must turn all items in immediately. Those athletes who do not turn in the equipment will be charged to replace the equipment.

TRANSPORTATION

Students are required to travel TO AND FROM athletic events by school transportation. Exception: Students may be allowed to return with their parents/legal guardians if an

ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION PERMISSION SLIP is submitted to the Athletic Director for approval a minimum of 24 hours prior to the trip; specific forms are available for request in the administration office. Coaches will not be allowed to accept late forms at an event.

Parents must be ready to pick up students as we return from our away trips; consistent failure by the parent may result in the student not being able to go on away contests/games. Coaches are not allowed to transport your student athlete home in their personal vehicles.

Upon return from any game/event, students will return TO SCHOOL to be picked up by a parent/guardian. Coaches will not release students to anyone other than the student's parent, guardian, or emergency contact -- unless written permission is given by parent/guardian prior to pick-up.

AWARDS

1. Coaches will establish criteria for athletic awards.
2. The following awards will be given to an athlete in recognition of his/her achievement:
 - ANY athlete that participates and finishes a season with a team will receive a pin and a certificate of completion.
 - All JA athletes may only receive a pin and a certificate.
 - Telesis student/athletes who start in any single game/contest for a varsity sport he/she will receive a TPA letter.
 - Bars designate additional years in lettering in a varsity sport.
3. NO athlete who has quit or been removed from a team, or has failed to complete the season will be eligible for an athletic award.
4. Coaches have the prerogative to recommend an award to an athlete who was unable to complete the season.
5. At the end of the season, special awards may be given to outstanding athletes.
6. The male and female athlete of the year award will go to the most outstanding athlete on and off the field and will be chosen by the coaching staff.
7. Any athletes who are invited to the all star game or named 1st team all state will be recognized at the sports banquet with their patch.
8. All teams that win state in their sport will be recognized as well at the sports banquet with their trophy. The same goes for any team who wins their district. Which are eligible for patches and possibly rings.

COMPLETION OF A SPORT

1. Any athlete who quits or is removed from the team for disciplinary reasons may NOT participate in any other sport until the sport he/she quit is over. For those teams that qualify for state the season ends after their last day of competition.
2. Students who do not complete a season will not receive any awards.

RECORDS

District Champions

Academy Co-ed Soccer 2009
Academy Baseball 2009
Academy Baseball 2010

#1 IN THE CITY

JA Co-ed Soccer 2009
Lower level Co-ed Basketball 2009
JA Boys' Basketball 2009

STATE CHAMPIONS

Academy Baseball 2010
Academy Baseball 2011