



Membership Requirements & Code of Conduct

Eligibility Requirements for Family Membership in TSHSAA

- TSHSAA athletes/students must be home educated according to the legal definition of the state of Arkansas which states a home school is “a school provided by a parent or legal guardian for his or her own child.”
- Member families must have an athlete/student participating in at least one TSHSAA activity.
- Each athlete must be age eligible for the sport/activity in which the athlete will be participating in at the beginning of the organizational year.
- Each family member must agree to the Standards of Noble Conduct as outlined below. These are minimum guidelines all TSHSAA members are asked to maintain. Each sport/activity may have additional guidelines/policies relevant to that sport/activity.
- Member families must remit the annual stated registration fee.

Standards of Noble Conduct for Parents and Family Members

I will participate with all diligence, giving my best efforts at all times while I am a member in good standing of TSHSAA by:

- Attending required parent meetings, and seeing that my student athlete attends required participants’ meetings, clinics, practices and competitions and helping them to arrive on time.
- Speaking with respect to all adults and not harshly criticizing the team, coaches, opponents and officials.
- Taking any concerns I have first, to my student athlete’s coach, then to the director of operations of his sport/activity, and thirdly, to the Executive Director. If I feel I have not reached resolution, I will take my issue to the Board of Directors and recognize their decision as final.
- Accepting responsibility for my student athlete’s proper behavior.
- Upholding a standard of nobility by personally refraining from the abuse of alcohol, use of illegal drugs, coarse or foul language or any other activity that would bring reproach on the organization or myself.
- Recognizing that being a member of the Hornets organization means I am a representative of the Hornets and my comments or actions, whether they be in person or online, could affect how the Hornets organization is viewed. Therefore, I should conduct myself in a manner that is consistent with, or at least not contradictory to, the Hornet’s beliefs, as stated in their bylaws, or in these Standards of Noble Conduct. Failure to do so could result in the revoking of my membership in the organization.

Standards of Noble Conduct for Student Athletes

I will participate with all diligence, giving my best efforts at all times while I am a member in good standing of TSHSAA by:

- Attending required participant meetings, clinics, practices and competitions and arriving on time, or letting the appropriate coach know of my absence.
- Speaking with respect to all adults, especially my parents, and not harshly criticizing teammates, coaches, opponents, and officials.
- Maintaining the required academic standard set by my parents.
- Taking any concerns I have to my coach and to my parents. If we are not satisfied with the response, my parents may choose to pursue the matter with the director of operations for my sport/activity, and thirdly, to the Executive Director. If resolution has not been reached, they will take my issue to the Board of Directors and recognize their decision as final.
- Playing with honor, nobility and enthusiasm during ALL practices and competitions.
- Upholding a standard of nobility, with respect for myself and my teammates, by personally refraining from the use of alcohol, illegal drugs, coarse or foul language or any other activity that would bring reproach on the organization or myself.
- Recognizing that being an athlete in the Hornets organization means I am a representative of the Hornets and my comments or actions, whether they be in person or online, could affect how the Hornets organization is viewed. Therefore, I should conduct myself in a manner that is consistent with, or at least not contradictory to, the Hornet’s beliefs, as stated in their bylaws, or in these Standards of Noble Conduct. Failure to do so could result in me being removed from the Hornets organization.