



PARKDALE PANTHERS

STUDENT ATHLETE POLICY



Here at Parkdale, we provide a comprehensive and competitive athletic program that emphasizes the importance of being a **STUDENT** first and foremost. We believe athletics provides real-life learning of transferable skills like teamwork, perseverance, routine, and self-care. Our programs focus on equity, commitment, teamwork, and personal growth. Parkdale Panther athletes strive for excellence in the classroom and in their sport. They compete with grace, humility, and school pride, regardless of outcome.

To be eligible to participate in Athletics, PCI students MUST:

- Be enrolled full-time in a TDSB program connected to Parkdale CI (minimum of three full-credit courses each semester).
- Have paid the yearly Student Activity Fee. If this fee creates a hardship, please see an administrator.
- Be compliant with **Inter-school Academic Eligibility**: Participation in Athletics is highly encouraged. Student-Athletes are always students first. Any student playing school sports must be passing 3 out of 4 courses (or 3 out of 3 courses) as of their most recent final or mid-term report card (or be cooperating with recommendations for support and improvement from Administration and/or IST/SST).
- Be punctual and attend their classes regularly including on game days.
- Be in good standing at school, students suspended from school must not be on any TDSB property for the duration of the suspension.
- Be responsible for all work covered and assignments given during any classes missed for Athletics.
- Participate in only **ONE team and ONE individual sport PER season** (if there are any scheduling conflicts, the team sport will always take priority over the individual sport).

Appeals

Student athletes who fail to meet any of the eligibility requirements above will not be allowed to participate in any inter-school activity but will be allowed to make an appeal to the Academic Eligibility Committee (Administration, Guidance, and ACL of Athletics) for individual consideration. This appeals process involves filling out an Appeals Form, as well as meeting with the Academic Eligibility Committee team.

Please Note: Beginning a sport does not guarantee an athlete's completion of that sport if they become ineligible during the season.

Team Uniform/Equipment Return

Any player who does not return their jersey/equipment will not be permitted to play on any team until the jersey/equipment has been returned, or the jersey/equipment replacement fee (\$50) has been paid.

Interschool Athletics Tryout and Participation (Secondary) Form (511J)

Each student who participates in Intramural or Team sports must complete this form (either digitally through EMA or signed paper copy) as is required by the TDSB Safety Guidelines. This form will be handed out to students by the respective teachers/coaches prior to the beginning of the sporting activity.

Point System and Awards

Athletic points are awarded based on participation in both the co-curricular and intramural program. Coaches along with the Parkdale Athletic Council maintain a record for each participant and tallies the points at the end of the year before each Athletic Awards Assembly and Banquet to determine the Parkdale Athletic Letter Winners. The recipients of the Parkdale Athletic Letter Award must have earned 16 athletic points in four years of high school. Points are attained on a 3-2-1 basis depending upon the amount of practice time spent with the school coach, and the success of the team. Become a Panther and get involved!

Volunteering

Students interested in volunteering to help run any athletic activities, contribute as a student-coach or a team manager please contact Ms. Ladak at shamsi.ladak@tdsb.on.ca. You can also directly contact the coach of the team if you'd like to volunteer to help or to find out if there are any opportunities available. Please note volunteer hours CANNOT be earned while managing a team if games take place during school hours. In addition, there is a limit of 2 managers/team. All team managers must also meet all the same requirements as student-athletes listed above in this Athletic Policy.

TDSB Athlete Code of Conduct

It is expected that all student athletes will:

1. Compete for the enjoyment of the game and the pursuit of individual, as well as team excellence
2. Strive to understand, respect, and follow the rules of the game at all times
3. Demonstrate good sportsmanship and fair play
4. Conduct themselves with honour, dignity, and self-control
5. Appreciate the efforts of their teammates and opponents
6. Be generous in victory and gracious in defeat
7. Show respect for the authority and decisions of coaches, staff, and officials
8. Respect all athletic facilities and property
9. Respect the rights of opponents, teammates, and spectators on both sides
10. Refrain from the use of profanity, taunting, threatening actions, and violence at all times
11. Report all suspected concussions to their coach/ staff advisor
12. Behave in accordance with all TDSB policies

Spectators Code of Conduct

It is expected that all spectators will:

1. Cheer in a positive manner
2. Respect the decisions of the officials
3. Respect the athletic facilities and property
4. Respect the authority of the TDSB staff members who are supervising games
5. Be courteous and respectful to fellow spectators
6. Not interfere with the game in any manner
7. Refrain from the use of unsportsmanlike distractive behaviour, profanity, taunting, threatening actions, or violence
8. Behave in accordance with all TDSB policies