

THUNDERBIRD STORM ATHLETICS

Before participating in any athletics tryout, the following must be completed and turned in to the Athletics Director:

1. This Form (completed every year)
2. A Physical from a Doctor (completed every year)
3. Brainbook Concussion Certificate (completed once)

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT POLICIES

Athletic Department Philosophy

The Thunderbird Adventist Academy Athletic Department is devoted to the development of the whole person: physical, spiritual, social, intellectual, and emotional. Athletics is committed to promoting excellence in academics, integrity, respect for all persons, and a Christ-like character. Through athletics students learn life lessons and character traits that are essential for optimal growth. Commitment, responsibility, sportsmanship, teamwork, determination and perseverance are goals of the athletic program that supersede athletic ability.

Canyon Athletic Association

Thunderbird Adventist Academy is a proud member of the Canyon Athletic Association (CAA).

Cost

A non-refundable \$250 fee, (\$450 for non-TAA students) must be paid to the business office before the 1st game. The fee covers items including, but are not limited to, league fees, referee fees, uniforms, travel expenses, and equipment.

Academic Policy

All TAA athletes must maintain academic eligibility as stated in the TAA Student Handbook.

Banner/Warm-up Policy

All athletes must maintain eligibility throughout the entire season (from tryouts through to the conclusion of playoffs) to be eligible to have their name on a banner and/or receive a warm-up with their name and number on it.

Expectations for Parent & Student/Athlete Behavior

All behavior, whether at home or away at athletic contests, reflects on the entire community. Students' and parents' habits and reactions as spectators determine the quality of sportsmanship that reflects upon the reputation of the school. Athletes and their coaches are prominent in school society and represent Thunderbird Adventist Academy in and out of uniform. Because of the nature of their unique position, athletes must adhere to a higher standard of behavior.

CAA Parental or Legal Guardian Consent Rule

This signed document will serve as parental or legal guardian consent for a student to be eligible to practice or compete in interscholastic competition. All students shall have on file with the athletic director permission for the student/athlete's authorized participation.

By signing below, I give my permission for my child to participate in organized interscholastic athletics, realizing that such activity involves the potential for injury, which is inherent in all sports. I acknowledge that even with the best coaching, use of the most advanced protective equipment and strict observance of rules, injuries are still a possibility. On rare occasions, the injuries can be so severe as to result in total disability, paralysis, quadriplegia or even death.

Parental Permission for Medical Treatment

In the event of sudden illness or accident requiring attention, I hereby authorize Thunderbird Adventist Academy to administer first aid, and if necessary take my child for emergency treatment to any qualified emergency care center.

Release Form

I indemnify and hold harmless the coaches, Thunderbird Adventist Academy and the Arizona Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, for the liability arising from any accident or injury occurring during the 2025-2026 athletic sports season. This

specifically includes injury arising from negligence of those mentioned above. This recognizes a shared responsibility between school, student and home. This does not waive coverage within the policy limits of the student accident insurance which covers school sponsored activities.

ATHLETICS COMMITMENT

Students and parents at athletic events are expected to:

- Represent the school, coach, and teammates in accordance with Seventh-day Adventist principles.
- Exercise self-control in all circumstances.
- Meet time commitments for practices and games.
- Never intentionally injure anyone or engage in reckless behavior that may harm oneself or others.
- Exhibit good sportsmanship, such as assisting fallen opponents and showing respect in pre- and post-game events.
- Display humility in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Cheer for your team, rather than against the opposing team
- Show respect for teammates, coaches, opponents, and officials.
- Maintain a high level of safety awareness.
- Refrain from the use of profanity, vulgarity, and other offensive language and gestures.
- Adhere to the established rules and standards of the game to be played.
- Respect all equipment and use it safely and appropriately.
- Refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal and non-prescriptive drugs, anabolic steroids or any substance to increase physical development or performance that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, Surgeon General of the United States, American Medical Association, and the Canyon Athletic Association.
- Know and follow all CAA and school athletic rules and regulations as they pertain to eligibility and sports participation.
- Practice the following attributes:
 - Consistency – Always giving your best effort whether in a game or practice
 - Responsibility – Dependable, present and ready to play at every practice & game
 - Honesty – Trustworthy
 - Cooperation – Willingness to be coached and used wherever needed
 - Spiritual perspective – Christ-centered values

I agree to abide by everything stated above and if I fail to do so, I understand that I will lose my eligibility as a student/athlete.

Student Name (Print)

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian/Dean Signature

Date

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Please check if you are willing/able to help with any of the following:

___ 1. Help with home games (bring snacks/drinks, work admission/snack table, scorer's table, volleyball line judge)

___ 2. Help with away games (bring snacks/drinks, keep stats, drive athletes)

___ 3. Help by donating/fundraising

If yes, please print name and contact info _____