



### **Independent - NonTAPPS Team**

A school may choose to play an independent / nonTAPPS aligned schedule. All TAPPS rules shall apply to the team regardless of the level of play designated for their opponents.

The school team shall be considered a varsity team and as such subject to all TAPPS eligibility governance requirements. Eligibility rules include but are not limited to the following:

- **Section 80**                    **Students not Living with Parents**
- **Section 81**                    **High School Graduates**
- **Section 82**                    **Full Time Day Students**
- **Section 83**                    **Regular Attendance**
- **Section 84**                    **Four Years in High School**
- **Section 85**                    **Students not yet in High School**
- **Section 102**                  **International Students**
- **Section 104**                  **Transfer Students**

In football, the nonaligned team is subject to all season limitations included in the TAPPS By-Laws. This governance includes but is not limited to the following:

- **Section 138.III**            **Eligible Schools**
- **Section 158.VII**           **Spring Practice**
- **Section 158.IV**            **Fall Practice**
- **Section 158.V**             **In Season Contests**
- **GAME Limitations**
  - Schools are limited to ten games during the eleven week season.
  - No contests may be held after the week eleven dates shown on the TAPPS calendar.

The school shall be in compliance with all rules regarding the establishment of coach, student and team eligibility in the TAPPS database. This includes completion and upkeep of the following:

- **Establish Coach Profiles**
- **Completion of all Coach Education Requirements**
- **Execution of TAPPS Coach Acknowledgement of Rules**
  
- **Establish Student Profiles**
- **Completion of the Student / Parent Acknowledgment of Rules**
- **Obtain and maintain current student medical history and physical forms**
  
- **Establish Eligibility Rosters in the Database for high school students participating at any level - subvarsity or varsity**
- **Establish Team Rosters in the database for all established teams**
  
- **Enter schedules in the database**
- **Enter all scores in the database**

The following conditions apply in regards to awards and “post season” participation.

- Schools participating with non-TAPPS aligned schedules are not eligible for postseason honors.
- The team is not eligible to participate in any “championship” contest arranged by parties outside of TAPPS.
- Student athletes are not eligible for All District, All State or other such honors whether administered by TAPPS or another organizing party.
- The school may nominate students for consideration of academic all state in keeping with section 139 of the TAPPS By-Laws.

Our school leadership agrees to the above conditions pertaining to participation as a nonaligned program for football for the 2024-26 alignment cycle. We further understand that return to aligned status will require our school to make an application to return which will be subject to review and approval by TAPPS leadership.

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Head Administrator Signature

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Athletic Director Signature

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Head Football Coach Signature

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