

## DRUG TESTING OF STUDENTS IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

The Board recognizes that drug and alcohol use has become a significant problem within the athletic program. Under present circumstances, when an athlete is found in violation of the rules concerning alcohol and drug use, he/she is subject to dismissal from the team. This dismissal does nothing to alleviate the circumstances of usage, but may instead encourage continued use by allowing the student more free time to associate with the people and in an atmosphere which would encourage such behavior.

Students participating in interscholastic athletics (grade 7-12) at GAHS/GAMS **must participate in a drug-testing program**. Prior to the initial drug testing of a student, the student, and the parent/guardian/custodian must sign a form consenting to the drug testing (IGDJA-E). Testing of a minimum of 5% of the athletes biweekly on a seasonal eligibility list will be conducted randomly throughout their season.

When an athlete in the Gallipolis City School District is found to be in violation of the drug and alcohol policy, the following actions will be taken:

1. For the first positive result, the student athlete will be given the option of the following:
  - a. Denial of participation for 20% of the entire season and within five calendar days having an appointment with a Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor (or at an agency certified by the Ohio Department of Health or the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services) for a chemical dependency assessment and then to follow the recommendations of the counselor. (If treatment is recommended, it must be with an Ohio Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor.) The student must also submit to urine drug testing as advised by the case counselor. The student must also provide proof of the successful completion of all counselor recommendations to the Athletic Director. The parent/guardian/custodian is responsible for all expenses or
  - b. Denial of participation in interscholastic athletics in the Gallipolis City School District for the remainder of the current season and the next athletic season in which the athlete participates until the 20% has been fulfilled.
2. For a second violation during his/her high school eligibility the student athlete will be denied participation in athletics in the Gallipolis City School District for the remainder of the current season and the next athletic season in which the athlete participates.
3. For the third positive result, the student athlete will be permanently denied the privilege of participation in athletics in the Gallipolis City School District.

### Possession

In the event a student athlete is caught in or confesses to the possession of or use of a banned substance, he/she will be denied participation using the guidelines of a positive test result.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3313.20

CROSS REFS.: IGD, Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities  
IGDJ, Interscholastic Athletics  
IGDJA-R, Drug Testing of Students in Interscholastic Athletics  
IGDJA-E, Informed Consent Agreement  
JFCH, Alcohol Use by Students  
JFCI, Student Drug Abuse  
JO, Student Records