

DRUG TESTING OF STUDENTS IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Procedures in the Event of a Positive Test Result

During the testing process, only one of two split specimens is opened for testing. If the immunoassay screen is positive for an illicit drug, the second specimen undergoes confirmation testing using GC/MS methodology or other scientifically valid method. A preliminary report is generated for a positive screen which indicates that the specimen was sent for confirmation testing. After testing is completed, negative specimens are stored for seven days and positive specimens are stored frozen for a minimum of one year.

If, after a positive test is reported to the Athletic Director and subsequently to the parents, there is a challenge to the reported results, either specimen is available for testing. Requests can be made for retesting at the initial testing laboratory, or the specimen can be sent to another CAP certified lab. Costs for retesting will be the responsibility of the requesting party. During a student's career, positive results are cumulative, regardless of the sports in which the student has participated.

First Positive Result

For the first positive result, the student athlete will be given the option of the following:

1. 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
2. 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.

Second Positive Result

For the second positive result, 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.

Third Positive Result

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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