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Athletic Department Drug Operational Policy, 4.02

OPERATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT

Yavapai College athletes are prohibited from using or being under the influence of illegal drugs or other prohibited substances, as well as possessing drug paraphernalia, while they are a member of any Yavapai College athletic team. This prohibition is effective during the entire year when an athlete is on a team, and it applies whether the prohibited conduct occurs on campus or not. The use of legally permitted medications contrary to their intended purpose is also prohibited.

Yavapai College recognizes that some otherwise prohibited substances are sometimes used for legitimate medical purposes. An athlete with documentation from a licensed health care provider demonstrating the need for treatment with such an otherwise prohibited substance will be allowed to continue using it. Some exceptions would be; inhalers, ADHD/ADD medications.

Athletes who violate this operational policy will be subject to immediate suspension from all participation in team sports, as well as other discipline. As a condition of participating in team sports, all athletes must participate in the Athletic department's Substance Abuse Education and Testing Program. Each athlete shall also be subject to drug testing, both at random and when there is reasonable suspicion of prohibited conduct.

Athletes are encouraged to voluntarily seek confidential assistance before violations of this operational policy occur. No athlete will be penalized for seeking this assistance. However, disciplinary action is required in cases where drug testing shows the athlete to be in violation.

Each athlete, and parent(s) or guardian(s) if the athlete is under the age of 18, must sign the Consent to Drug Testing and Authorization for Release of Test Results form as prescribed in YC Operational Policy 4.02 indicating understanding of, and agreement to comply with, this operational policy as a condition of participation in Yavapai College Intercollegiate Athletics.

PURPOSE

Yavapai College is concerned for the health and welfare of its students who participate in athletics, hereafter referred to as athletes. Substance abuse and dependency may interfere with an athlete's health, academic achievement and individual athletic performance, as well as a team's success and the integrity of collegiate competition.

OPERATIONAL POLICY HISTORY

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