



**Walla Walla Community College**

**Athletic Department**

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To Parents, Guardians, and Student-Athletes of Walla Walla Community College:

The WWCC Athletic Department Substance Abuse Guidelines state that “The WWCC Athletic Department is obligated to provide a healthy and safe environment for student-athletes. That obligation includes the College’s commitment to a substance abuse program that is consistent with national regulations pertaining to intercollegiate athletics. WWCC considers the illegal use of alcohol or other drugs, or the legal abuse of alcohol or other drugs to be a health problem that can have serious consequences.”

To meet the requirements of the Athletic Guidelines, the WWCC Athletic Department may instigate a process whereby a student-athlete has a urinalysis test in order to determine their level of substance abuse. Student-athletes will be responsible for the cost of the testing. Student-athletes will be tested in “For Cause” situations. This could include circumstances such as a coach observing the use of an unidentified substance, academic apathy (failing grades and/or missing classes).

All positive urinalysis tests will be confirmed by a second method of testing as the student-athlete will not be sanctioned on the results of urinalysis testing alone. Anyone testing positive or seeking assistance for a substance abuse problem on his or her own will be evaluated by an approved chemical dependency specialist. A plan will be formulated after the assessment and the student-athlete will be responsible for total compliance with that plan.

Student-athletes and their parents or guardians are required to sign an Acknowledgement of WWCC Athletic Department Substance Abuse Guidelines and Consent to Urinalysis Testing prior to participation in any Walla Walla Community College intercollegiate sport. Failure to sign this form will result in the student-athlete in question being determined ineligible for participation in all intercollegiate sports.

Parents and guardians will be notified if any student-athlete does have a positive urinalysis test that has been confirmed by a physician.

We will not accept or tolerate “experimental” or “recreational” use of alcohol or other drugs. They put all of our students at risk for safety or health related problems. Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions regarding this information.

Sincerely,

Jeff Reinland, Athletic Director