



Walla Walla Community College

Athletic Department

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WWCC ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE GUIDELINES

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 remain consistent with this philosophy, the following guidelines have been adopted:

- Student-athletes will become knowledgeable about the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs. Formal training will be provided to student-athletes on an annual basis. Any student-athlete who feels they have a problem with alcohol or other drugs may seek help through the Student Development Center's Chemical Dependency Educator. Disciplinary action for student-athletes will only occur around a situation that constitutes a violation of Walla Walla Community College's policies.
- All student-athletes must sign a WWCC Athletic Department Substance Abuse Acknowledgement and Consent Form annually. Failure to sign the form will result in the student-athlete not being eligible to participate in any athletic program. Student-athletes will have this form thoroughly explained and they are encouraged to openly discuss this program.
- The parents or guardians of all student-athletes under the age of 21 will be mailed an informational letter concerning this policy each year that the student participates in any organized athletic events.
- Continuing educational opportunities about substance abuse issues may be made available throughout the academic year for all student-athletes. These educational opportunities may include workshops, seminars, guest speakers, and films that will inform the student-athletes of the purpose of this policy, the serious consequences around substance abuse, how to prevent problems concerning substance abuse and the resources available to someone with problems.

The Walla Walla Community College Athletic Department will conduct a urinalysis testing program "for cause" situations. Student-athletes may be referred to testing "for cause" by their head coach, the Athletic Director, or the Vice President of Student Services. "For cause" testing can occur for the following reasons:

- A coach observes the use of some drug
- Chemicals or paraphernalia found on the student-athlete or in their locker
- Academic apathy; failing grades and/or skipping classes
- Unexcused absences from practice
- Inconsistent behavior; unexplained mood swings
- Illness occurring with high frequency or which take excessive time to resolve
- Interpersonal conflicts; fighting with teammates
- Legal problems; DWI, MIP, arrested in town