



**3344-48-01 Cleveland state university athletics drug education and screening program policy.**

- (A) The Cleveland state university (CSU) department of athletics advocates the development of healthy and responsible lifestyles for CSU student-athletes during their years of eligibility. Additionally, CSU strongly believes the use of National Collegiate Athletic Association banned drugs and substances (excluding properly used medication prescribed by a physician to treat a specific medical condition) can be detrimental to the physical and mental well-being of its student-athletes. Therefore, it is the philosophy of the Cleveland state university department of athletics that all student-athletes at CSU be subjected to a drug education and screening program.
- (B) For the purpose of this program, a student-athlete is defined as any student officially listed on the team roster. This includes but is not limited to student-athletes who are “red-shirting,” student-athletes who are academically ineligible, student-athletes who are injured, fifth-year student-athletes who are receiving athletic-related aid and/or using other athletic-related services and team managers.
- (C) The Cleveland state university department of athletics has a mandatory program of drug education and testing combined with counseling/rehabilitation efforts to assist and benefit the student-athletes at CSU. This program is in addition to the NCAA drug testing program and procedures. The CSU athletics drug screening and education program, including any sanction phases, is separate and distinct from the NCAA drug testing program and its sanctions, as well as, any university judicial process and sanctions.
- (D) The signed consent and notification forms shall be considered affirmation of the student-athlete’s agreement to the terms and conditions contained in this policy. Appendix A
- (E) Purpose of the program: the purpose of the athletics drug education and screening program is to aid and assist the student-athletes at Cleveland state university. This program is designed with the best interests of the student-athletes in mind and based on the premise that drug use is detrimental to the student-athlete as well as a violation of Cleveland state university department of athletics policy.

Specific goals of this program are:

- (1) To educate CSU student-athletes about the associated problems of drug use and abuse.
  - (2) To discourage any drug use by CSU student-athletes.
  - (3) To identify any student-athlete who may be using or abusing drugs.
  - (4) To educate any student-athlete, so identified, regarding such usage as it may affect the student-athlete and their team/teammates.
  - (5) To provide reasonable safeguards so that every student-athlete is medically competent to participate in athletic competition.
  - (6) To encourage discussion about any questions the student-athlete may have, either specifically or generally, about the use of drugs.
- (F) It is believed that the CSU drug education and screening program shall serve to benefit all individuals connected with intercollegiate athletics at the university. Furthermore, participation in this program will enable the student-athlete to make informed and intelligent decisions in regards to drug use and abuse.
- (G) The athletics drug education and screening program may be amended from time to time at the discretion of the director of athletics. Amendments shall be distributed to all student-athletes. No amendment shall be applied retroactively if such application will adversely affect a student-athlete's right to notice of standard of conduct or discipline.

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