

**University Policy 400.02**  
**STUDENT ATHLETE DRUG TESTING**

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**Policy Statement**

It is the policy of Claflin University to protect the health and safety of its student-athletes through prevention, intervention, and pertinent education on the abuse of substances that adversely affect their academic performance, athletic achievement, and or personal well-being. The use of controlled substances or the abuse of alcohol can adversely affect their skill achievement and poses a risk of serious injury to both the student and others in the course of practice and play.

**Statement of Purpose**

The NCAA provides random drug screening for all Claflin University student-athletes. The purpose of this policy is to assist student -athletes in their efforts to stay healthy and to make proper choices .

**Applicability**

This policy applies to student-athletes and prohibits the use of any illegal drugs for any reason; the use of legal drugs or prescribed medications for gaining a competitive advantage; the illegal use of alcohol; the illegal possession or distribution of drugs or alcohol; and the abuse of alcohol. This prohibition applies throughout each student-athlete's career at Claflin University. The following URL provides information on prohibited substances.

(<http://www.ncaa.org/wps/wcm/connect/53e6f4804e0b8a129949f91ad6fc8b25/200910+Banned+Drug+Classes.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CACHEID=53e6f4804e0b8a129949f91ad6fc8b25>)

**DEFINITIONS**

1. Abuse - the excessive and wrongful misuse of substance that can be harmful, or injurious leading to significant distress or impairment.
2. Screenings - systematic examinations designed to assess and detect banned substance usage according to the NCAA bylaws and guidelines.

**PROCEDURES**

The NCAA and Claflin University's athletics department have strict rules against the use of drugs by student-athletes. Before competing in intercollegiate athletics each year, a student-athlete must sign a form to allow testing for use of

drugs prohibited by NCAA legislation. Failure to complete this form will result in ineligibility to participate.

### **Screening Procedure**

Beginning in 2008-2009, the institution's infirmary in conjunction with the Athletics Director will administer the drug-screening program. The following steps will occur.

A laboratory appointed by the NCAA Drug Free Sports program will analyze the urine samples of student-athletes after collection by a Medical Services Technician under the supervision and observation of the Athletic Training Office. Claflin University will pay the administrative fee for collecting the samples and the processing of each test.

**In the event of a positive result on the urine test, the following sanctions will be in effect:**

1. **First Violation** will require the referral to on-campus counseling through the Campus Infirmary. The student-athlete identified by a positive test will also be tested periodically in order to confirm that there is no continued use of the controlled substance. The frequency of on-campus counseling will be determined by consultation of the Head Athletic Trainer, the School Nurse, Athletics Director, and the student-athlete.
2. **Second Violation** will require the suspension of the student-athlete from the athletic team until the student-athlete has successfully completed certification from an off-campus rehabilitation agency. The student-athlete, the student-athlete's family, or the student-athlete's insurance will cover the expense of the rehabilitation agency. To be eligible for reinstatement to the athlete's team, the student-athlete must complete all drug educational programs. The student-athlete identified by a positive test will be tested again periodically to confirm that there is no continued use of the controlled substance
3. **Third Violation** will require the suspension of the student-athlete from further participation on his/her athletic team with the cessation of all athletically related financial aid.

### **Behavior**

It is in the best interest of athletes to avoid gatherings where alcohol and drugs may be present. If alcohol or drugs are present at a gathering, students should leave the area immediately. Student-athletes are aware that the use of any substance banned by the NCAA may result in the loss of your NCAA eligibility. (See Appendix - NCAA Banned Drug Classes)

