



Student-Athlete Drug and Alcohol Testing Program

The overall goal of the St. Clair County Community College Athletic Department's Drug and Alcohol Testing Program is to promote a year-round drug-free environment within the SC4 Athletic Department.

Program Objectives:

1. To protect the student-athlete (health, safety, and welfare).
2. To address the possible problem, identify and treat the student athlete's problems with drug or alcohol use.
3. To inform and educate the student-athlete on the effects of drug or alcohol use and abuse.
4. To protect the institution's image.
5. To maintain a competitive equality for all student-athletes.

Program Focus:

- Performance Enhancing Drugs – help student-athletes understand they do not have to take these dangerous substances in order to feel more competitive.
- Street Drugs, Unauthorized Prescriptions, and Tobacco – teach student-athletes about addiction and how the use of such drugs or alcohol could impair their mental and physical well being.
- Consumption of Alcohol – 90% of the undesirable behaviors observed among students on college campuses result from alcohol use and over use.
- Twelve-month program that will assist in abstinence through drug testing and education.

The Vice-President of Student Services will provide assistance, direction, referral and information for student-athletes who need additional support as a result of positive tests, physician referral, or other addressed needs. This component seeks to provide appropriate follow up and rehabilitation for student-athletes who test positive while addressing psychological, social, and medical well being.

The Drug Testing Program will consist of **two types of testing**.

1. *Reasonable suspicion* drug testing
2. *Random* drug testing

Each athletic team or individual student-athlete can be randomly chosen for drug testing at any time. The Athletic Director will notify the student-athlete and head coach of a positive result.

A student-athlete may appeal a decision based on a positive test result. The student athlete must give the Athletic Director written notice of the student's intent to appeal within two days of receiving the test results. The director will convene a three-person committee of college employees to hear the appeal. The committee will receive all evidence of the student-athlete's drug and alcohol use including all positive tests. The student will then present his/her appeal. The committee will reach a decision within five college days and will notify the student-athlete and the Athletic Director in writing of the decision and original recommended action on the appeal. Decisions of the committee are final.

A positive test will result in the following penalties:

1. **First Positive Test** – The student-athlete will be suspended from the athletic program for a minimum of 30 days and until the athlete is determined to be drug-free. The student-athlete must go through mandatory counseling in order to reinstate or re-establish eligibility.
2. **Second Positive Test** – The student-athlete will be permanently removed from the SC4 athletic program and will not be eligible for reinstatement. A second positive test will result in forfeiture of all scholarships to this student.



***Consent to testing under the St. Clair County Community College Athletic Department's
Student-Athlete Drug and Alcohol Testing Program***

I hereby consent to have my urine collected and examined for the presence of certain drugs or substances in accordance with the provisions set by the St. Clair County Community College Athletic Department's Drug and Alcohol Testing Program.

I further authorize St. Clair County Community College or an agent acting on the College's behalf to make a confidential release to the Athletic Director, my parents or legal guardians, the head coach of my particular sport, and counselors participating within the drug program. This release would include information and results of tests and any penalties imposed.

I waive any privilege I may have in connection with the release of such information to the limited extent set forth within this document.

I understand that urine samples are sent to an outside laboratory for testing.

I also release St. Clair County Community College employees involved from legal responsibility or liability for the release of such information and record or any other action taken pursuant to the Drug and Alcohol Testing Program as authorized within this form.

Student-Athlete Name (*print*)

Sport

Student-Athlete (*signature*)

Date

Parent/Guardian Name (*print*)

I am 18 or over _____

I am under 18 _____

please initial

Parent/Guardian (*signature*)
(*required if student is under 18*)