Kenyon College Department of Athletics and Sports Medicine

Drug Testing and Alcohol Education Program

2018-2019 Academic Year

I. Mission Statement:

Kenyon College understands that it is a privilege for a student to represent Kenyon College on or off the field and the responsibility of such representation is a matter of both character and integrity. Kenyon College, along with the NCAA, seeks to uphold this responsibility by providing programs to insure a fair, safe, healthy and honorable field of play. The Drug Testing and Alcohol Education Program has been established to:

1. Promote the health, safety and welfare of all student-athletes and staff.
2. Inform all student-athletes and staff about NCAA and Kenyon College policies insuring compliance with NCAA standards concerning drugs to include alcohol.
3. Maintain an environment that encourages student-athletes to avoid the use and/or abuse of banned substances and alcohol.
4. Provide preventative and educational programs to communicate information regarding professional counseling and drug/alcohol treatment programs as well as referral to these therapeutic based programs.
5. Identify and assist those who use or abuse drugs/alcohol and who would benefit from counseling, education or treatment.
6. Maintain the integrity of the Kenyon College athletic program and the Kenyon College community at the highest levels.
7. Ensure student-athlete preparedness for the current NCAA policy of drug testing at all levels of Division III championships.

The Department of Athletics and Sports Medicine is taking a proactive approach to these issues by instituting a program of education, testing and support.

II Policy:

The Kenyon College Department of Athletics and Sports Medicine’s Drug Testing and Alcohol Education Program is separate and distinct from NCAA testing and reserves the right to test at different cutoffs levels and different substances. The unauthorized use of any substance prohibited by Federal or State law and/or the NCAA by any member of an intercollegiate team at Kenyon College is expressly prohibited. The consequences for violating the policy are herein defined. The policy and procedures will be distributed and explained to all student-athletes at the department or team’s organizational meeting at the beginning of each academic year or at the time an athlete is added to the roster. The Kenyon College Department of Athletics and Sports Medicine reserves the right to amend the Drug Testing and Alcohol Education Program at any time.

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III. Overview of Program:

The Head Athletic Trainer, in conjunction with the College Director of Health Center, manages The Kenyon College Department of Athletics and Sports Medicine’s Drug Testing and Alcohol Education Program. The Drug Testing and Education Program Committee serves as an advisory body. The Head Athletic Trainer is responsible for the oversight and implementation of drug testing and shall assist in obtaining personal counseling services and referrals of student-athletes. The specific duties and responsibilities of all parties related to the Kenyon College Department of Athletics and Sports Medicine’s Drug Testing and Alcohol Education Program are as follows:

A. Program Administrator (Head Athletic Trainer)

The Program Administrator reports to the Director of Athletics and the Director of the Health and Counseling Center and provides service to student-athletes, Kenyon College Department of Athletics and Sports Medicine’s Drug Testing and Alcohol Education Program staff, and other members of the Kenyon College community. The specific duties of the Program Administrator are:

1. Coordinate and supervise the drug-testing program and chair the Drug Testing and Education Program Committee.
2. Serve as the chief liaison between Kenyon College Department of Athletics, student-athletes, and the testing laboratory.
3. Serve as a resource person in consultation with the Substance Abuse Educator and Counselor for referral to counseling-based programs for student-athletes.
4. Coordinate education programs and services for student-athletes, coaches and staff.

B. Drug Testing And Education Program Committee

The role of the Committee will be to review the overall operation of the Kenyon College Department of Athletics Sports Medicine’s Drug Testing and Alcohol Education Programming and make recommendations concerning the program to the Director of Athletics and the Director of the Health and Counseling Center. The committee will meet once per semester, and as needed. An additional role of the committee members will be to maintain an open dialogue between the committee and the Kenyon College community.

The committee shall consist of the following members:

1. Two (2) head coaches.
2. Substance Abuse Educator and Counselor of Kenyon College.
3. Head Athletic Trainer (Sports Medicine), who will serve as Committee Chair.
4. Director of Athletics
5. NCAA Compliance Officer

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IV. Education

Kenyon College Department of Athletics and Sports Medicine’s *Drug Testing and Alcohol Education Program* will include the following educational activities:

1. The Program Administrator will report any changes in the current drug testing policy and/or testing procedures to the athletic staff.
2. At the beginning of each year during the mandatory meeting for all student-athletes, there will be a review of the NCAA and Kenyon College’s drug testing programs and regulations, as well as any changes in the testing procedures from the previous year.
3. The Athletics Director and Substance Abuse Educator and Counselor will conduct a meeting with all first-year student-athletes about the resources (education/treatment/etc.) within the department and the college that are available to all student-athletes concerning drugs and/or alcohol.
4. The Kenyon College Department of Athletics and Sports Medicine’s *Drug Testing and Alcohol Education Program* will publish a drug and alcohol handout and distribute it annually to all student-athletes and staff.
5. Each team and coaching staff may request additional meetings with the Substance Abuse Educator and Counselor and other college or community resources to discuss the dangers of substance abuse.
6. Topics that may be included in educational activities are as follows:
   a. Information on the medical, emotional, and physical effects of drug and alcohol use and abuse.
   b. The Kenyon College Department of Athletics and Sports Medicine’s *Drug Testing and Alcohol Education Program* Protocol and NCAA rules, regulations, and policies concerning drugs and alcohol.
   c. Information regarding treatment alternatives and resources.
   d. Information regarding the NCAA and Kenyon College Athletic and Judicial sanctions for Drug and Alcohol Policy violations.

V. Prohibited Drugs/Substances

The drug screening process may include, but is not limited to, analysis of the NCAA list of banned drug classes. This banned drug list can be obtained from the Program Administrator. An updated list of banned substances can be found at the NCAA website at [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org). Kenyon College requests that all student-athletes keep the sports medicine staff aware of any prescribed drugs and dietary supplements that he or she may be taking.

Kenyon College Department of Athletics and Sports Medicine’s *Drug Testing and Alcohol Education Program* personnel will not distribute or encourage the use of any dietary supplements or ergogenic aids. A dietary supplement is a product that contains one or more of the following dietary ingredients: vitamins, mineral, amino acids, herbs or other botanical, and other metabolites. Many dietary supplements or ergogenic aids contain banned substances. Often the labels of dietary supplements are not accurate and are misleading. Terms used such as
‘healthy’ and ‘all natural’ do not ensure that supplements do not contain banned substances. *Using dietary supplements may cause positive drug tests.* Student-athletes who take or intend to take any dietary supplements should review the product with the Program Administrator, Director of Health Center or Athletic trainer.

VI. **Selection Methods for Drug Testing:**

A. **Voluntary Disclosure**

A student-athlete with a drug or alcohol problem may voluntarily notify the Director of Athletics, Program Administrator, or team Athletic Trainer of the problem. There will be no sanctions assigned to the student-athlete if he/she voluntarily discloses drug use. **However, some time away from practice or game situations may be designated by the Substance Abuse Educator and Counselor to enable the student to begin recovery, treatment, and produce a negative future test.** He/she will be referred for mandatory evaluation by the Substance Abuse Educator and Counselor, and subject to follow up drug screening at the discretion of the Director of Athletics and Head Athletic Trainer with evaluation from the Director of Health Center. The voluntary notification must be done prior to the Department of Athletics’ request for drug testing. This is a *one-time offering* for voluntary disclosure for student-athletes during their varsity intercollegiate tenure. Student-athletes are not eligible for voluntary disclosure without sanction after being notified of selection for drug testing or after a previous positive test. *Voluntary disclosure will automatically apply consent for flow of information on the progress of the student between the Director of Athletics, Substance Abuse Educator and Counselor, Program Director, Director of Health Center, and Athletic Trainer and Head Coach.*

B. **Random Testing**

Student-athletes may be selected for random testing throughout the entire calendar year. Student-athletes on the institutional squad list will be eligible for testing using random generation prepared by outside contractor. Additionally, we may choose to test entire teams or have random selection from any team rather than the entire student athlete database. No more than 48-hour notice will be given for a random drug test.

C. **Reasonable Suspicion Screening**

A student-athlete may be subject to testing at any time when the Director of Athletics or Program Administrator determines there is individualized reasonable suspicion to believe the participant is using, or has used, a prohibited drug. Such reasonable suspicion shall be based on objective information as determined by the Associate and Assistant Directors of Athletics, Senior Women’s Administrator, Program Administrator, Head Coach of the student-athlete in question, a member of the Sports Medicine staff, Dean of Students or Coordinator of the Judicial Process. Any member of the Department of Athletics can provide reliable information leading to reasonable suspicion. The Associate and
Assistant Directors of Athletics, Senior Women’s Administrator, Head Athletic Trainer, and Head coach will present the reasonable suspicion analysis to the Director of Athletics, Program Administrator and Director of Health Center for final approval to test.

Reasonable suspicion may be, but is not limited to: 1) observed possession, observed use, or reports of concern related to substances appearing to be prohibited drugs, 2) arrest or conviction for an offense related to the use, possession, or transfer of prohibited drugs or substances on or off campus, 3) observed abnormal appearance, conduct, or behavior reasonably interpretable as being caused by the use of prohibited drugs or substances. Among the indicators which may be used in evaluating student-athlete’s abnormal appearance, conduct or performance are: decrease in class attendance, significant GPA changes, decrease in athletic practice attendance, increased injury rate or illness, physical appearance changes, academic/athletic motivational level, emotional condition, mood changes and illegal involvement.

Upon predetermination by the Director of Athletics that reasonable suspicion exists, the Program Administrator will set in motion a Drug test. If the Director of Athletics certifies reasonable suspicion, the Head coach or Program Administrator will notify the Student-athlete and the student-athlete must report to produce a specimen within twenty-four (24) hours.

Note: When an individual is found to be in possession and/or using illegal substances, he/she will be subject to the same procedures that would be followed in the case of a positive drug test.

D. NCAA Post-Season Participation

During the academic year all teams or individuals with post-season NCAA play opportunities may be tested a least once prior to the departure date for such play.

E. Re-Entry or Follow-Up Testing

A student-athlete, who has had his or her eligibility to participate in athletics suspended as a result of drug violation, may be required to undergo drug testing prior to regaining eligibility. A student-athlete who has earned the privilege to return to participation in athletics following a positive drug test under this policy may be subject to follow-up testing. Testing will be unannounced and will be required at a frequency determined by the Director of Athletics in consultation with the Head Athletic trainer and the Director of Health Center.

F. Noncompliance

Non-compliance with the Kenyon College Department of Athletics and Sports Medicine’s Drug Testing and Alcohol Education Program or failure to appear for the scheduled testing time will be considered a positive test result (see section VII-A-4).
VII. Drug Testing Procedures:

All teams will be subject to testing from the opening day of practice in the autumn until the close of the academic year including those teams who begin practice prior to the first day of class for the fall semester.

A. Notification of Student-Athletes and Coaches

In order to ensure the authenticity of all specimens collected and to protect the privacy of student-athletes, student-athletes will receive no more than forty-eight (48) hour notice of the time when specimen collection will occur. The specific procedures that shall be followed in determining the scheduling of specimen collection and in notifying the selected student-athletes are:

A. The Program Administrator will determine and coordinate the collection times. The head coach may be consulted to help determine the availability of the student-athlete.
B. The Program Administrator will notify the head coach(es) of the time and place where the student-athletes will be tested.
C. The head coach of each sport is responsible for having team members or specific student-athletes present for collection. A member of the athletics staff must be present to identify team members during the testing process. Student-athlete identification will be verified with a picture ID.
D. Failure to comply or show for the designated exam times will be considered a positive test unless a suitable excuse is documented.

B. Student-Athlete Consent Forms

On or immediately prior of the first day of competition for each team, the Director of Athletics will distribute the NCAA and Kenyon College Department of Athletics and Sports Medicine’s Drug Testing and Alcohol Education Program Student-Athlete Consent Forms to all team members. Student-athletes will be ineligible for participation in all intercollegiate practice and competition until both statements are completed, signed and returned to the Department of Athletics. Parental consent (signature) must be obtained for any student athlete who is a minor (under 18 year of age). The completed NCAA forms will be kept on file by the Director of Athletics; the Kenyon College Department of Athletics and Sports Medicine Drug Testing and Alcohol Education Program acknowledgment forms will be kept on file by the Program Administrator.

C. Procedures for Specimen Collection. The National Center for Drug Free Sport will perform the specimen collection in accordance with established guidelines. After collection the specimen will be examined by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Association (SAMHSA) and World Anti-Doping Association (WADA) certified
laboratories. Each specimen is divided into separate containers, specimen “A” and specimen “B”. In the event that specimen “A” is found positive the specimen “B” will be immediately examined to confirm a positive test.

1. Objectives
   a. To collect the urine specimens in a professional manner in order to obtain accurate results.
   b. To maintain confidentiality of all information.
   c. To protect the urine specimens from any possible tampering and maintain accountability for the specimens at all times.
   d. To provide a consistent and fair method of collection.

D. Collection Site Protocol

1. Upon entering the collection station, the athlete will provide photo identification and/or a client representative/site coordinator will identify the athlete and the athlete will officially enter the station.
2. The athlete will select a sealed collection beaker from a supply of such and will record his/her initials on the collection beaker’s lid.
3. A collector, serving as validator, will monitor the furnishing of the specimen by observation in order to assure the integrity of the specimen until a volume of at least 50 mL is provided (100 mL if testing for anabolic steroids).
4. Validators who are of the same gender as the athlete must observe the voiding process and should be members of the official drug-testing crew. The procedure does not allow for validators to stand outside the immediate area or outside the restroom. The athlete must urinate in full view of the validator (validator must observe flow of urine). The validator must request the athlete raise his/her shirt high enough to observe the midsection area completely ruling out any attempt to manipulate or substitute a sample.
5. Athletes may not carry any item other than his/her beaker into the restroom when providing a specimen. Any problem or concern should be brought to the attention of the collection crew chief or client representation for documentation. Athletes will rinse and dry hands, with water only, prior to urination, and wash with soap and water following urination.
6. Once a specimen is provided, the athlete is responsible for keeping the collection beaker closed and controlled.
7. Fluids and food given to athletes who have difficulty voiding must be from sealed containers (approved by the collector) that are opened and consumed in the station. These items must be caffeine- and alcohol-free and free of any other banned substances.
8. If the specimen is incomplete, the athlete must remain in the collection station until the sample is completed. During this period, the athlete is responsible for keeping the collection beaker closed and controlled.
9. If the specimen is incomplete and the athlete must leave the collection station for a reason approved by the collector, specimen must be discarded.
10. Upon return to the collection station, the athlete will begin the collection procedure again.
11. Once an adequate volume of the specimen is provided, the collector who monitored the furnishing of the specimen by observation will sign that the specimen was directly validated and a collector will check the specific gravity and if in range measure the pH of the urine in the presence of the athlete.

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12. If the urine has a specific gravity below 1.005 (1.010 if measured with a reagent strip), the specimen will be discarded by the athlete. The athlete must remain in the collection station until another specimen is provided. The athlete will provide another specimen.

13. If the urine has a pH greater than 7.5 (with reagent strip) or less than 4.5 (with reagent strip), the specimen will be discarded by the athlete. The athlete must remain in the collection station until another specimen is provided. The athlete will provide another specimen.

14. If the urine has a specific gravity above 1.005 (1.010 if measured with a reagent strip) and the urine has a pH between 4.5 and 7.5 inclusive, the specimen will be processed and sent to the laboratory.

15. The laboratory will make final determination of specimen adequacy.

16. If the laboratory determines that an athlete’s specimen is inadequate for analysis, at the client’s discretion, another specimen may be collected.

17. If an athlete is suspected of manipulating specimens (e.g., via dilution), the client will have the authority to perform additional tests on the athlete.

18. Once a specimen has been provided that meets the on-site specific gravity and pH parameters, the athlete will select a specimen collection kit and a uniquely numbered Chain of Custody Form from a supply of such.

19. A collector will record the specific gravity and pH values.

20. The collector will pour approximately 35 mL of the specimen into the “A vial” and the remaining amount (approximately 15 mL) into the “B vial” (another A=35 mL, B=15 mL in a second split sample kit for anabolic steroid testing, which will be shipped to a WADA accredited laboratory) in the presence of the athlete. Therefore, two split sample kits will be used when testing for both “drugs of abuse” and anabolic steroids. The vials will be packaged identically, but shipped to two different laboratories.

21. The collector will place the cap on each vial in the presence of the athlete; the collector will then seal each vial in the required manner under the observation of the athlete and witness (if present).

22. Vials and forms (if any) sent to the laboratory shall not contain the name of the athlete.

23. All sealed specimens will be secured in a shipping case. The collector will prepare the case for forwarding.

24. The athlete, collector and witness (if present) will sign certifying that the procedures were followed as described in the protocol. Any deviation from the procedures must be described and recorded. If deviations are alleged, the athlete will be required to provide another specimen.

25. After the collection has been completed, the specimens will be forwarded to the laboratory and copies of any forms forwarded to the designated persons.

26. The specimens become the property of the client.

27. If the athlete does not comply with the collection process, the collector will notify the client representative/site coordinator and third party administrator responsible for management of the drug-testing program.

VIII. Consequences of Positive Test Results:
A positive test is indicated in the case of confirmed drug screening indicating a banned substance, declining a test after selection, or failure to show for drug testing. The Program Administrator will verify a positive drug screen result after reviewing the final lab report.

A. Positive Test Result

In the event a positive test occurs, the Program Administrator will notify the student-athlete and the Director of Athletics. Those who have a positive test via laboratory exam, declining to take a
test, or failing to show for drug testing, will placed into the drug education and counseling program and must provide a clean drug screen before return to competition will be permitted. The Program Administrator and Director of Athletics will discuss the test results and the subsequent course of action with the student-athlete. The final results of any positive testing will be kept confidential. The Program Administrator will release these results to the Director of Athletics, NCAA Compliance Officer, Drug and Alcohol Education Counselor and the student-athlete’s Head Coach only.

B. Penalties of Violation of the Drug Testing and Education Program
In the event of a positive test the following minimal actions will occur:
1. **FIRST OFFENSE:** Any student-athlete found to be in violation of the college drug policy, including the use of illegal drugs, whether by testing or incidental discovery will be ineligible to participate in Kenyon College athletics indefinitely until all the following requirements are met (a minimum of 14 days from positive test results). For reinstatement, see section X, Reinstatement procedure.
   1. Register with the Kenyon Substance Abuse Educator for a required program of education and counseling to be fully completed.
   2. Submit to testing as needed by the Kenyon Substance Abuse Educator
   3. Required to participate in all future Athletic Department Drug tests at own expense. Individuals will be billed for these tests.
   4. The Kenyon Substance Abuse Educator will, at the completion of the counseling and education, make a referral to the Director of Athletics to restore NCAA eligibility.

2. **SECOND OFFENSE:** Any student-athlete found to have a second violation of the college drug policy will be ineligible to participate in Kenyon College athletics for one calendar year and must also fulfill the requirements listed under the First Offense to be reinstated.

3. **THIRD OFFENSE:** Permanent ineligibility to participate in Kenyon College athletics.

4. Any student-athlete who refuses to take a drug test or quits the team in an effort to evade a drug test will be immediately subject to a SECOND OFFENSE penalty.

5. Any student-athlete found to be using illegal drugs by incidental discovery will be subject to college judicial procedures as well as athletic suspension (for reinstatement, see section X, Reinstatement procedure).

6. Any student-athlete found guilty of any criminal violation through any involvement with illegal drugs will be permanently ineligible for Kenyon athletics participation upon conviction. Such athletes will also be suspended from Kenyon athletics participation from the time of arrest until legal procedures result in acquittal or guilt.

7. A student-athlete, who has had his or her eligibility to participate in athletics suspended as a result of drug violation, may be required to undergo drug testing

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prior to regaining eligibility. A student-athlete who has earned the privilege to return to participation in athletics following a positive drug test under this policy may be subject to follow-up testing. Testing will be unannounced, at the expense of the individual, and will be required at a frequency determined by the Director of Athletics in consultation with the Head Athletic trainer and Director of Health Center.

C. Penalties of Violation of the Alcohol Education Program

Student-athletes that have an incident involving alcohol will be subject to consequences. Such incidents include, but are not limited to, infractions of the alcohol policy as outlined in the student handbook, violation of the Student-Athlete Code of Ethics, and events involving the Mt. Vernon City Police Department and/or the Knox County Sheriff’s Department. Each individual incident will be assessed and managed by the Drug and Alcohol Committee in consultation with the student's head coach and in consideration of team policies. Responses may range from counseling with Kenyon Substance Abuse Educator and Counselor to permanent removal from Kenyon Athletics. Multiple and/or higher severity offenses will result in stronger penalties.

IX. Appeals Process:

A student-athlete who tests positive for a banned substance may, within forty-eight (48) hours following notification of the laboratory findings, contest the finding of the positive results in writing to the Director of Athletics.

A student-athlete who tests positive, or who dispute that they refused or failed to take a required test under the terms of the Kenyon College Department of Athletics and Sports Medicine’s Drug Testing and Alcohol Education Program, and who receives a sanction via the penalties of violation can appeal the sanction to the Director of Athletics. The Director of Athletics has the authority to uphold, rescind or amend any decision to include increasing or decreasing a punishment. A student-athlete may not appeal a decision more than once (a student-athlete will have only one appeal per decision).

During the appeal, a student-athlete may have a representative present if the he/she so desires, however to be eligible to be present the representative should be a person of the Kenyon College community. This representative can be anyone not directly related to the drug-testing program (i.e. Associate Director or Athletics, Program Administrator, Head Coach). If the student-athlete is a minor he/she may have parents or legal guardians present.

The student athlete must present his or her own case in appeal. The meeting should take place no more than forty-eight (48) hours after the written request is received. Either the student-athlete or the other parties involved may request an extension of time to the Director of Athletics who will consider whether to grant the extension upon a showing of good cause. These proceedings shall include an opportunity for the student-athlete to present evidence as well as to
review the results of the drug testing. If a second test is warranted it will be at the student-athletes own personal expense. The Kenyon College Department of Athletics and Sports Medicine’s Drug Testing and Alcohol Education Program appeals process can refer to the Kenyon College’s judicial procedures when applicable (see Kenyon College Student Handbook).

**X. Reinstatement Procedure:**

Upon completion of the period of ineligibility, during which education and treatment will take place, the Program Administrator will declare the eligibility of a student-athlete to be restored. This will be communicated to the Student-athlete, the Head coach and the Director of Athletics in writing. Final determination for return to participation will be made the Head Coach in accordance with team policies.