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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)