Wichita State University administration, athletic department, and student-athletes recognize that drug abuse cannot be tolerated in the operation of or participation in intercollegiate athletics. It is known that the illegal use of drugs poses a danger to the health and safety of the users and possibly people associated with a user, such as teammates. Drug abuse also damages the integrity and reputation of all student-athletes, the institution, and the Athletic Department, and it undermines fairness in competition between individual student-athletes and between teams.

It is the purpose of this policy to educate student-athletes and Athletic Department staff members to the dangers that drug abuse poses to the health and safety of student-athletes. Given this major concern for the student-athletes’ health and safety, the University may also attempt, through drug screening, to deter the illegal use of drugs. It is the intent of the University to refer for professional medical assistance and counseling any student-athlete identified as having a substance abuse problem, including alcohol, in order to promote the physical and psychological well-being of the individual.

Those subject to the policy:

All student-athletes are subject to compliance with this policy. A student-athlete is any participant on an intercollegiate squad, regardless of athletic financial assistance. All student-athletes who accept the privilege of participating in intercollegiate athletics for the University are subject to drug testing. Participants in intercollegiate athletics are free to refuse drug testing; however, those who refuse will not be allowed the privilege of participating in intercollegiate athletics for the University. Also, refusal to consent to be tested for illegal drug abuse will result in the forfeiture of all financial assistance provided to a student-athlete by the Athletic Department.

Education Program:

The University recognizes that education regarding drug abuse may be the best deterrent and therefore will attempt to provide educational information to student-athletes. A strong effort will be made to have experts in the field address the student-athlete population. Because of the importance of such presentations, attendance by student-athletes will be mandatory. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will coordinate educational programming; any student-athlete who has questions regarding drugs, including alcohol, is encouraged to contact a member of the committee, who will make every effort to provide complete information. The Athletic Department will participate in the university-wide approach to peer education.

Prohibited Drugs:

It is prohibited under this policy to illegally use any controlled substance, as defined by the Kansas law (KSA 65-4101 et seq. and 65-4127a et seq.). Also, it is prohibited to use any mind or mood altering controlled substance or substances that affect athletic performance, other than those being taken properly pursuant to the medical doctor's prescription. Prohibited drugs are:

1. Amphetamines
2. Barbiturates
3. Benzodiazepines
4. Cannabinoids (marijuana)
5. Cocaine
6. Methaqualone
7. Opiates
   a. Morphine
   b. Codeine
8. Phencyclidine (PCP)
9. LSD
10. Anabolic Steroids
In the event a student-athlete has a question regarding prohibited drugs, he or she should contact the Head Athletic Trainer or his designee.

**Drug Testing:**

All student-athletes will be required to read this policy and sign a consent statement indicating that they understand it and are willing to comply with its provisions, including drug testing. A student-athlete who refuses to comply with this policy will forfeit his or her privilege of participating in intercollegiate athletics and will have his or her athletically related aid revoked. Also, each sport program will have policies in place that will detail coaches expectations regarding drug/alcohol use and specific sanctions associated with any positive tests. Selection of student-athletes for testing may be made on a team basis. In addition, individuals may be tested when probable/just cause exists to suspect drug abuse. Testing of a student-athlete and/or team may occur if requested by a coach, administrator, athletic trainer or team physician. For those teams that are too large to test at one time, groups of the team will be identified and tested at different times (for example, the baseball team may be divided into outfielders, infielders, and pitchers and catchers.) The Head Athletic Trainer, in consultation with the Senior Associate Athletic Director will determine the time and the circumstances for a particular team or team grouping to be tested. The testing may be announced or unannounced.

Reasonable effort will be made to ensure confidentiality of the drug tests, which will be conducted by a qualified laboratory using a chain of custody procedure to protect the identity and integrity of each specimen.

Drug testing shall consist of the collection of a urine sample from the student-athlete under the direct supervision and observation of qualified laboratory personnel. The donors’ names will be replaced with coded designations prior to sending the samples to the outside agency for testing. Each urine sample shall be analyzed for the presence of prohibited drugs. The laboratory shall report all test results to the Head Athletic Trainer within one week, and the Head Athletic Trainer will review such results to determine which, if any, of the test results are positive. A positive result shall mean a test result that indicates, in the opinion of the laboratory performing such testing, the presence of prohibited drugs in the student-athlete's urine. All drug screening tests are subject to a two-tiered testing procedure which involves an initial immunologic assay test followed by a gas chromatography/mass spectroscopy confirmation test if the initial test is positive. Both tests are performed prior to notification of the results. The Head Athletic Trainer will notify the Senior Associate Athletic Director of the outcome of each positive test.

A student-athlete who has tested positive will also be notified of the actions outlined below that will be taken.

Student-athletes who dispute the final test results and/or actions will have an opportunity to appeal, by personal appearance, to the Student-Athlete Appeals Committee before any action is taken. The Student-Athlete Appeals Committee shall consist of the Faculty Representative to the NCAA, University ICAA Sports Psychologist, Associate Athletic Director for Compliance, and the President and Vice President of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

A student-athlete must notify the Senior Associate Athletic Director of his or her desire for appeal within 24 hours after receipt of the notification of action to be taken. If additional information is presented to raise the possibility of a false positive, the Senior Associate Athletic Director will discuss the new information with the Head Athletic Trainer. The Senior Associate Athletic Director and Head Athletic Trainer will decide whether to accept the evidence of a false positive or to convene the drug policy grievance panel. If the latter is decided, the Senior Associate Athletic Director will then arrange a closed hearing before the Student-Athlete Appeals Committee and notify all parties of the time and location of the hearing. At least four members of the committee must be present in order for the hearing to proceed.
At the hearing, the student-athlete will have the opportunity to present information that may refute the evidence of drug use or indicate mitigating circumstances. After hearing all the information, the committee will deliberate in private to make findings of the fact. Then the findings and a recommendation will be provided in writing by the committee to the student-athlete and the Director of Athletics. The Director of Athletics shall have the final determination of the actions to be taken and will notify the committee and student-athlete of his or her final decision.

After reviewing this policy and signing a consent statement, any student-athlete who believes he or she has a substance abuse problem may discuss the problem with the Head Athletic Trainer. This notification must occur prior to the announcement of drug testing for that individual student-athlete or his or her team. The consideration for admitting the problem is that only the Head Athletic Trainer and the student-athlete will be aware of the situation, and every reasonable effort will be made to maintain complete confidentiality.

Effects of Positive Test Results:

**First Positive Test:** A student-athlete who has tested positive for the first time will be required to meet with their head coach and the Director of Athletics. Other action, as deemed appropriate by their head coach and/or Director of Athletics, including but not limited to informing parents and/or guardians, may be taken.

**Second Positive Test:** A student-athlete who tests positive for a second time for prohibited use of drugs will be suspended from participation in intercollegiate athletic practice and competition for a specified time to be determined by the Director of Athletics. A student-athlete who has tested positive for the second time will be required to meet with their head coach and the Director of Athletics. Other action, as deemed appropriate by their head coach and/or Director of Athletics, including but not limited to informing parents and/or guardians, may be taken.

**Third Positive Test:** Any student-athlete who has tested positive for the third time for prohibited use of drugs will be dismissed automatically from participating in intercollegiate athletics and will forfeit any future athletic aid at Wichita State University.

The number of positive tests is cumulative over the student-athlete's career.

**DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM. REFER TO THE POLICY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM.**