A. Policy

The University of Maryland College Park adheres to the principle that there is no place in intercollegiate athletics for substance abuse of any kind. The primary intent of the University's policy concerning drug testing and screening is to preserve the well-being of the student-athlete. The University is interested in the prevention and control of drug abuse, as well as in helping student-athletes with drug abuse problems. The drug testing and screening program is regarded as a preventative measure for a potentially serious illness.

B. Definitions

For the purpose of this policy "student-athlete" is defined as:

1. All student-athletes who have been declared eligible for practice and/or competition by ACC and NCAA standards; and
2. All members of the Spirit Squad, student managers, video assistants, and student trainers.

For the purposes of this document a "confirmed positive result" is defined as positive result from Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrometer testing.

C. General Information

Each student-athlete that enters the intercollegiate athletics program is provided with a copy of the University's Drug Policy for Student-Athletes and Substance Abuse Testing Procedures for Student-Athletes and required to sign a Consent to Testing of Urine Samples and Authorization for Release of Information Form which stipulates that he/she has read and understands the University's policy on drug testing and agrees to participate in the administering of drug screening, as required. If the student-athlete is a minor, the form must also be signed by the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

D. UMCP Drug Education and Testing Program

The University of Maryland College Park recognizes that use of certain drugs (other than under a physician's care) is not in the best interest of the student-athlete or the intercollegiate athletics program. Use of these drugs:

1. can affect the physical and mental well-being of the student-athlete;
2. can alter the athletic and academic performance of the student-athlete;
3. can be dangerous to the student-athlete or to others, especially during any athletic activity; and

4. in most cases is illegal.

Accordingly, the College Park Campus provides a mandatory drug education and testing program under the direction of the Head Team Physician/Medical Review Officer (MRO). The Athletic Director is responsible for assuring the full cooperation of Athletic Department personnel and student athletes with the policy. The purpose of the program is:

1. to educate student-athletes about the problems of drug abuse;
2. to prevent drug abuse by student-athletes;
3. to avoid the problems attendant upon such drug abuse; and
4. to provide a common mechanism for the detection, sanction and treatment of specific cases of drug abuse.

Participation in a general program of drug education is required of every student-athlete.

E. Screening and Testing for Use of Illicit Drugs

The testing program is under the control and supervision of the Head Team Physician/Medical Review Officer. Tests may or may not be announced in advance. The number, timing, and other procedures for testing are determined by the Head Team Physician/Medical Review Officer. A detailed account of the procedures which are followed to administer the tests is contained in The University of Maryland Substance Abuse Testing Procedures for Student Athletes document.

The urinalysis may include procedures for detection of any one (1) or any combination of the following drugs:

1. all drugs or harmful substances prohibited as controlled dangerous substances under Schedule I through V of Article 27, Sec. 279 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as amended from time to time);
2. all harmful substances, the inhaling or smelling of which is prohibited by Article 27, Sec. 301 (as amended from time to time);
3. all prescription drugs as defined in Article 27, Sec. 300 (as amended from time to time);
4. all harmful substances prohibited by NCAA By-law 31.2.3.1 (a copy of which is maintained in the office of the Director of Athletics and available for student review); and
5. all forms of steroids.
This testing of drugs includes, but is not specifically limited to, the commonly abused drugs:

- Amphetamines
- Phencyclidine (PCP)
- Barbiturates
- Cocaine
- Methaqualone (quaalude)
- Marijuana/THC
- Benzodiazipam (librium)

F. Notifications

The Head Team Physician/Medical Review Officer shall notify the Athletic Director of any student-athlete’s confirmed positive drug test. The Athletic Director in turn shall notify the Head Coach of that student-athlete’s team. The Athletic Director may make a determination to notify others, including the student-athlete’s parents or legal guardians, as permitted by law and University policy. The Athletic Director may delegate the notification of the student-athlete’s parents or legal guardians to the Head Coach.

G. Confidentiality

It is University policy to maintain the confidentiality of all drug testing results, including confirmed positive drug tests. Confidentiality means test results shall be disclosed only to those who have a legitimate need-to-know. The Athletic Director shall have sole authority to determine which Athletic Department personnel have a legitimate need-to-know drug test results. University personnel who receive information about a student-athlete’s test results shall not disclose that information to any other person or entity, except as specifically authorized by the Athletic Director, or as permitted by law and University policy.

H. Sanctions

The following are sanctions adopted by The University of Maryland College Park for the imposition upon student-athletes testing positive for the abuse of drugs. Any attempt to adulterate or any actual adulteration of a urine sample will be treated as a positive test result. Failure to comply in the specified time to a notice to appear for testing will be subject to the same sanctions as those imposed for a first offense unless otherwise determined by the Head Team Physician/Medical Review Officer. Sanctions in addition to those listed below shall be imposed solely by the authority of the Head Team Physician/Medical Review Officer and/or Athletic Director.

1. First Offense

After a confirmed positive test, the student-athlete is subject to mandatory counseling at the Health Center in a program approved by the Head Team Physician/Medical Review Officer. Failure to attend mandatory counseling sessions results in a second offense status for the student-athlete. In addition to attending counseling sessions, the student-athlete is required to undergo further drug testing, as determined by the Head Team Physician/Medical Review Officer or his/her designee. The athletic department/coaching staff may not discipline a student-athlete for a first drug offense.
2. **Second Offense**

The student-athlete who incurs a second offense is suspended from any mandatory team activities, including team practice, and scheduled team events for two (2) weeks. Continued counseling and drug testing, as determined by the Head Team Physician/Medical Review Officer or his/her designee, are required.

3. **Third Offense**

The student-athlete who incurs a third offense, at the minimum, will be suspended from the team and all athletic activities, including but not limited to competition, practice, strength training, and team meetings for a period of one (1) year from the date of the test and shall be prohibited from entering Athletic Department facilities, except for the purpose of using the services of the Academic Support and Career Development unit and services authorized by the Athletic Department’s Sports Medicine unit.

A student-athlete who incurs a third offense may be subject to additional sanctions, including but not limited to termination of athletic housing and/or financial aid, and expulsion from the team, based on the recommendation from the Head Coach to the Director of Athletics. Continued counseling and drug testing, as determined by the Head Team Physician/Medical Review Officer or his/her designee, are required.

Following the imposition of the minimum sanction of a one (1) year suspension from the team, the student-athlete will be given notice and provided the opportunity to appeal the matter to the Faculty Athletic Representative and to present information of any mitigating or other relevant circumstances. The student-athlete must institute the appeal within seven (7) calendar days after receiving notification of the sanction.

Prior to the imposition of sanctions above the minimum, such as expulsion from the team, loss of athletic housing, or termination of financial aid, the student-athlete will be given notice and provided the opportunity to appeal the matter to the Faculty Athletic Representative and to present information of any mitigating or other relevant circumstances. The student-athlete must institute the appeal within seven (7) calendar days after receiving notification of the sanctions.