

GALLATIN HIGH SCHOOL
Gallatin, Tennessee

CONSENT TO PERFORM URINALYSIS FOR DRUG TESTING

I hereby consent to have a sample of my urine collected and tested for the presence of drugs in accordance with the Gallatin High School Department of Athletics Drug Testing Policy and Procedures if requested by school officials.

I understand that this testing will occur at such time or times as deemed appropriate by the team physician, head coach, principal, athletic director, or certified athletic trainer. I understand that my urine samples will be sent only to a licensed medical laboratory for actual testing and that the samples will be coded to provide confidentiality.

I hereby authorize the release of such urine testing results to the team physician, head coach, principal, athletic director, certified athletic trainer, and other high school officials as deemed appropriate. I understand that these results will also be made available to me.

I hereby authorize the release of the results of such testing to my parent(s)/guardian(s) upon receipt by the high school of a specific request by my parent(s)/guardian(s).

I understand that I am free to withdraw from this consent for urinalysis testing however, I also understand that should I refuse to submit to this consent at the time requested, I will not be permitted to participate in any athletic program until such time as my head coach and school administration shall deem appropriate.

I understand that before such a test would take place, my parents and I would have an opportunity to read and to understand the Gallatin High School Drug Education and Testing Policy and Procedures.

I hereby release the Sumner County Board of Education and Gallatin High School from any legal responsibility or liability for the release of such information and records authorized by this form.

Date

Student-Athlete Signature

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature
(Necessary if Student-Athlete is a minor)

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ATHLETIC DRUG EDUCATION AND TESTING POLICY AND PROCEDURES

PURPOSE:

Gallatin High School is concerned with the physical well being of its students, including those who participate in athletics. While the misuse of drugs is a potential problem for all students, unique pressures and risks exist for the student-athletes, and their use of drugs will not be tolerated. The term “student-athlete” includes members of any interscholastic sport or activity under the direction of the athletic department for the purposes of the Gallatin High School Drug Education and Testing Policy and Procedure.

The primary purposes of the drug education and testing policy and procedures for student-athletes are:

1. To employ education, testing, and counseling to deter drug use; and where deterrence is unsuccessful, to terminate participation in athletics.
2. To educate those students on the physiological and psychological dangers inherent in the misuse of drugs and alcohol.
3. To protect those students from the health related risks inherent the misuse of drugs and alcohol.
4. To protect those students, and others, from whom they compete, from potential injury because of the misuse if drugs and alcohol.
5. To remove the stigma of substance abuse from those student-athletes who do not misuse and/or abuse drugs or alcohol.
6. To provide a testing program to identify student-athletes who are improperly using drugs and to assist them, through education and counseling before they injure themselves or others or become physiologically or psychologically dependent.
7. To reassure athletes, parent, and the community that the health and academic progress of each of its student-athletes is Gallatin High School’s primary goal.

DRUG TESTING PROCEDURE:

Student-athletes will be subject to testing for the use and/or abuse of illegal or controlled substances as well as prescription and over-the-counter substances, drugs, or medications. Student-athletes who are under the care of a physician and must take a prescribed medication must provide documentation from that physician for the team physician. This should demonstrate a documented medical history indicating a need for the regular use of that medication as a part of ongoing care.

Testing will be accomplished by the analysis of urine specimens, or other recognized analytical procedures, obtained from the student under the direction of the coach, certified athletic trainer or team physician. The testing procedures will ensure that the specimen being analyzed is identified with the appropriate student and that the purity of that sample is maintained. The collector and/or school official may take more invasive steps to ensure the student-athlete does not alter the specimen. A professional laboratory selected by the team physician will conduct all chemical analyses. The parent(s)/guardian(s) or student-athlete will incur the expense required of any secondary testing following a positive test result payable to Gallatin High School.

FREQUENCY OF TESTING:

1. All athletes will be subject to random drug testing throughout their athletic career.
2. All past activities will be subject to further drug testing throughout their athletic career.
3. An athlete can be tested whenever medically warranted.

TEST RESULTS:

The following results of the drug tests will be forwarded to the team physician and the following action will be taken:

1st Positive: The head coach, principal, athletic director, certified athletic trainer, parent(s)/guardian(s), and student-athlete will be notified. The athlete will be suspended immediately from all practices, competitions, and participation in any scheduled athletic activity for a period of thirty (30) days beginning with the date the test results are received. If the test results are received in the “off-season”, a subsequent fifteen (15) day suspension will begin at the start of the first official practice of their next sport season.

The student-athlete and parent(s)/guardian(s) will meet with the team physician and/or the head coach, athletic director, certified athletic trainer concerning the risk of drug use, assistance that is available and the consequences of any subsequent drug test. In addition, the student-athlete will attend three (3) counseling sessions with the STARS counselor. The STARS counselor will make recommendations based on their assessment if successful completion of a drug-abuse counseling program is essential.

The student-athlete will be subject to periodic retesting throughout the suspension as well as the remainder of their athletic career to evaluate indication of further use. The student-athlete must apply to the Drug Education and Testing Committee for the reinstatement of eligibility for participation, practice, and competition at the end of the thirty (30) day period and only after negative testing prevails. The athlete may be subject to additional sanctions as violations of team policies by the head coach of their respective sport(s).

2nd Positive: A positive drug test at any time after a thirty (30) day suspension for a first positive will constitute a second positive. The head coach, principal, athletic director, certified athletic trainer, parent(s)/guardian(s), and student-athlete will be notified of the positive test results. The student-athlete will be suspended from all practices, competitions, and participation in any scheduled athletic activity for a period of one (1) year beginning with the date the test results are received.

The student-athlete and parent(s)/guardian(s) will meet with the team physician and/or the head coach, athletic director, certified athletic trainer concerning assistance that is available and the consequences of any subsequent drug test.

Application for the reinstatement may be considered the end of the one (1) year period and only after negative testing prevails. Successful completion of a drug-abuse counseling program will be strongly considered in addition to negative testing results.

3rd Positive: A positive drug test at any time after a one (1) year suspension for a first positive will constitute a third positive. The head coach, principal, athletic director, certified athletic trainer, parent(s)/guardian(s), and student-athlete will be notified of the positive test results. The athlete will lose the privilege of any further participation in the athletic program in any capacity for the remainder of his/her high school career. Application for the reinstatement will not be considered.

Violation/Refusal: A student-athlete who attempts to alter a sample, or otherwise provides an invalid sample, or who refuses to provide a sample as requested according to the program will be considered "positive" for the test date. He/she will then be handled according to the stated consequences, and the parent or guardian will be notified.

EDUCATION:

1. At the time of their initial participation and annually thereafter, the student-athletes will be advised in writing of the purposes and procedures of the drug education and testing program.
2. Educational seminars on drug and alcohol abuse will be made available to all athletes and will be presented by professional and/or experienced drug educators or counselors.

SUPERVISION AND EVALUATION:

The Drug Education and Testing Committee will have overall supervisory responsibility for this program. The Committee will consist of the principal, the athletic director, the school nurse, the certified athletic trainer, the team physician, the STARS counselor, and coaches selected in a manner determined by the principal or designee.

The committee will hear all applications for reinstatement. A minimum of three (3) committee members must be present for any vote regarding reinstatement. A vote by proxy or in absentia is not permissible. All decisions of the committee will be final, and the athlete and parent(s)/guardian(s) must agree to accept such decisions.

Meeting annually, the Drug Education and Testing Committee will make an evaluation of the program. The evaluation will include the effectiveness of the educational counseling program, procedural safeguards, and testing procedures.