

Yosemite High School

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Beginning with the 2009-2010 school years, Yosemite High School would like to implement the following drug testing policy.

PROGRAM:

1. Every Yosemite High School athletic team and competition club team must have a preseason meeting with parents to cover expectations of the coach and the student. Drug enforcement policy and regulations will be covered and an agreement to comply with the policy will be signed at this meeting or prior to the beginning of the current season.
2. All athletic and club coaches will actively participate, where appropriate, in drug education programs sanctioned by Yosemite High School.
3. Yosemite Unified School District will provide a Drug Education/Intervention program in conjunction with student support services to individuals who violate the policy.

PROCEDURE FOR STUDENTS:

Each student wishing to participate in any interscholastic program and the student's custodial parent or legal guardian shall consent in writing to drug testing. Written consent shall be given on the form attached to this policy. No student shall be allowed to participate in any interscholastic athletic program, cheerleading, FFA competition, Academic Decathlon, Mock Trial, or Destination Imagination without such consent. Random testing will be conducted weekly during the competitive season. At the option of the district, all student athletes may be drug tested at the beginning of any athletic season. Selection for random testing will be by lottery drawing from a "pool" of all students participating in interscholastic athletic programs, and on competition teams in the district at the time of the drawing.

To ensure that the random drug testing program be of the highest integrity it is critical that sound, routine procedures be practiced.

HOW IS A STUDENT SELECTED AND TESTED:

1. Head coaches will submit to the Athletic/Activities Director the names of all students participating in athletics and competition by two weeks prior to the first contest.
2. Each student will be assigned an individual number and all numbers shall be entered into a computer database.
3. Beginning the first week of the regular sport/competition season, student numbers will be randomly generated by computer each week. Number generation shall be witnessed and documented by the principal or his designee.

4. Weekly up to 15 students will be selected on the basis of their randomly generated numbers and summoned to the administration office. Once the student arrives the principal will inform them that they have been selected for drug testing.
5. Students who in any way avoid drug testing will be considered to be in violation of this policy and will go to a Code of Conduct hearing.
6. Students absent the day of a random drug testing will be added to the testing the next week.
7. All students are subject to random drug testing throughout the entire sport season and or competition season; therefore, names selected by lottery draw will be placed back into the lottery bin at the end of each weekly lottery cycle.
8. Urine specimens will be collected in private in the restroom in the Administration office. Immediate field test results will be recorded and positive samples will be immediately sealed and labeled and taken to the laboratory for testing. The chain of custody, as prescribed by the contracted testing agency will be strictly followed.
9. The Principal, Athletic Director, and the student's parents shall be informed of the test results. All written test results will be stored in a locked cabinet and will be held in the strictest confidence.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS:

At the beginning of the competition season, parents shall submit to the school a list of any and all medications which their student may be taking. It is important that this list be kept current throughout the year. If a urine sample is required, the contracted testing agency will receive a copy of all listed medications. At the time of testing, students will be asked to verify his/her medication list. Any change on this list must be verified by the student's parents before being made available to the testing agency.

LIMITED ACCESS TO RESULTS:

Personnel contracted to perform lab urine tests will be authorized to report results only to the Principal or to such a person as the Principal may designate in the event of the Principal's absence.

NON-PUNATIVE NATURE OF POLICY:

No student athlete shall be penalized academically for testing positive for illegal drugs. The results of drug tests pursuant to this policy will not be documented in any student's academic records. Information regarding the results of drug tests will not be disclosed to criminal or juvenile authorities absent legal compulsion by valid and binding subpoena or other legal process, which the District shall not solicit. In the event of service of any such subpoena or legal process, the student's custodial parent or legal guardian will be notified in writing in a language that they understand at least 72 hours before response is made by the District.

SELF-REFERRAL (CANNOT BE SELF-REFERRAL ON TEST DAY):

A student may refer himself/herself to their head coach or Athletic Director for student intervention support services. Self-referral may not occur on a random test day.

1. A self referral is defined as a student's asking either their coach or athletic director or personal help regarding AOD (alcohol and other drug) use.
2. An Administrator/parent conference will be required when a student makes a self referral.
3. After a self referral, a student will be ineligible to participate in their sport/activity until s/he has enrolled in the drug education program. Once enrolled, s/he will become eligible to participate in athletics/activities; however, the student must participate in the AOD program continuously, as prescribed by Valerie Schaeffer, for the entire duration of the program. Failure to enroll and attend the program, as described, will be treated as a second violation. Upon completion of the program the student must have a doctor's clearance indicating that s/he is drug-free and physically fit to participate in athletics.
4. The student will submit to a prescribed mandatory urine analysis for the duration of the sport/activity season.
5. An athlete/student may self-refer twice during their high school career but not within 12 months of each other.

WHAT CONSTITUTES AN AOD TESTING VIOLATION:

As it applies to this policy, student AOD violations are cumulative and are defined as follows:

1. A urine sample which is confirmed by the testing agency to test positive for illegal substances as identified in this policy.
2. Refusal to submit to a urine test.
3. Eluding a urine test by unauthorized absence.
4. Tampering with a urine test, including adulteration of a urine sample.

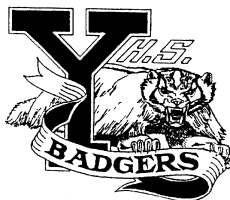
FIRST VIOLATION (first time urine test is positive):

1. An administrator/parent conference will be required when a student commits a first violation.
2. Upon a first violation the student will be ineligible to participate in his/her activity until s/he has enrolled and started attending a drug education program. Failure to enroll in and complete the drug education program as prescribed by the school and contracted agency will result in ineligibility and will be treated as a second violation.
3. After enrolling in and attending a drug education program the student will be ineligible for 30 calendar days. The student will not be eligible to participate in any game/competition and cannot travel with the team for 30 calendar days.
4. Students may be required to additional urine analysis depending on the Code of Conduct hearing.
5. Upon completion of the program, the student must have a doctor's clearance indicating that s/he is drug-free and physically fit to participate.

Repeat Violations will be dealt with a Code of Conduct Hearing.

APPEALS PROCESS:

All violations may be appealed according to Board Policy



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Drug Testing Policy General Authorization Form

I understand that my performance as a participant and the reputation of my school are dependent, in part, on my conduct as an individual. I hereby agree to accept and abide by the standards, rules, and regulations set forth by Yosemite Unified School District Board and the sponsors for the activity in which I participate.

I also authorize Yosemite Unified School District to conduct a test on a urine specimen which I provide to test for drugs and/or alcohol use. I also authorize the exchange of information concerning the results of such a test between the Yosemite Unified School District, my parents and/or guardians, and the contracted agency, Drugtech Toxicology Services, LLC.

This shall be deemed a consent pursuant to the Family Education Right of Privacy Act for the release of above information to the parties named above.

Student Signature

Date

PLEASE INDICATE ANY PRESCRIPTION DRUGS YOUR CHILD IS CURRENTLY TAKING

I have read and agreed to the above terms of participation of my son/daughter.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date