



# NAIA SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM

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The NAIA is dedicated to promoting and preserving the integrity of athletics for the benefit and welfare of student-athletes. Consistent with that goal, the NAIA is concerned about and resolved to support definitive actions designed to assist student-athletes striving to cope with escalating substance abuse problems in our society. These substance abuses center on drugs, alcohol, tobacco and smokeless tobacco.

Substance abuse is a major societal problem which demands the attention of all segments of society, in particular the education community. The magnitude of the problem compels this Association to accept the responsibility to provide leadership in educating student-athletes who may be using or may be under pressure to use these substances.

While maintaining institutional autonomy and individual institutional control, the NAIA is committed to establishing and monitoring requirements which will have a positive impact upon the substance abuse problem as it relates to athletics and, more specifically, to student-athletes. Through this national policy on substance abuse the NAIA desires to communicate a concise message to student-athletes and to other concerned segments of society. The NAIA is committed to facing the issue of substance abuse among student-athletes in a positive, forceful, and straightforward manner. We are determined to bring all available educational resources to bear upon the issue in a caring, yet definitive mode. Therefore, member institutions will be required to undertake the following actions.

- A. Each institution will develop a philosophy statement which expresses the institution's position on substance abuse as it relates to student-athletes, describes the institution's substance abuse education program and delineates the institution's program for evaluating the effectiveness of the education program. Student-athletes should receive a copy of the philosophy statement prior to signing a letter of intent or prior to participation for those not contracted before enrolled. An official copy of this document must be on file in the NAIA National Office.
- B. Each institution will establish a substance abuse education program requiring active involvement of all participating athletes. Institutional programs should be coordinated by the health services department or the counseling department and should utilize all available resources, both on and off campus.
- C. Each institution will institute an evaluation program for student-athlete participation and the expectations of the college or university for each athlete's standard of behavior.
- D. Each institution will develop a statement of philosophy on student-athlete participation and the expectations of the college or university for each athlete's standard of behavior.
- E. Each institution will file an annual report describing results of the substance abuse education and evaluation program prior to September 1 each fall. Official institutional reports will be confidential. The official report form will be prepared by the NAIA National Office staff in cooperation with the Athletics Trainers Association.
- F. The NAIA National Office staff shall review institution reports and, in cooperation with the Athletics Trainers Association, prepare a comprehensive annual report and make recommendations for consideration by the Council of Presidents and the Council of Athletics Administrators.
- G. Institutions shall have their intercollegiate athletics programs declared ineligible for postseason competition until a statement of philosophy and the NAIA Substance Abuse Certification of Compliance form are on file with the NAIA National Office.

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY ON POSTSEASON COMPETITION

Any NAIA student suspended for substance abuse by a national or international sports governing body, or by any amateur sports governing body, shall not be allowed to participate in any NAIA-approved postseason competition during the imposed period of suspension.

## ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS

The use of alcohol, tobacco or tobacco products is not permitted by participants, coaches, cheerleaders, trainers, game administrators, or officials in the playing areas during all NAIA sanctioned competition and practices for such competition. The institution's coaching staff, event games committee, administrator or host site coordinator (as applicable) shall enforce this policy through the following steps.

- A. On the first offense, the individual(s) shall receive an official warning.
- B. A second offense will cause expulsion from the game, tournament or event.

Member institutions are strongly encouraged to adopt this policy for all regular season practice and competition.



# NAIA Substance Abuse Certification of Compliance

2006-07 Academic Year

**Please initial those items below that your institution is using to educate students about substance abuse:**

	Required Class Work
	Voluntary Class Work
	Videos
	Posters
	Special Seminars
	Team Discussions
	Special Lectures
	Drug Testing
	Alcohol/Drug Awareness Week
	Other:

**This is to certify that our institution has complied with the NAIA Substance Abuse Policy.**

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Affiliated Conference/Region                      Institution                      State

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Signature - Chief Executive Officer                      Date

**Please return the completed certification no later than SEPTEMBER 1 to:**

NAIA Legislative Services  
23500 W. 105<sup>th</sup> Street  
Olathe, KS 66061  
FAX: (913) 791-9555

**NOTE: Institutions shall be INELIGIBLE for NAIA postseason competition until this certificate is filed.**