

How Important Is Your Athletics Department?

Projects **values** to student-athletes

Extremely influential in a student-athlete's **life**



Enabling / Reactive Institution

Proactive Institution

The Athletics Department has a **responsibility** to student-athletes to provide comprehensive, **evidence-informed** interventions.

Be a positive influence for the **entire campus**.

Individual Protective Factors



Student-Athletes Value:

Teamwork
Leadership
Performance
Value of Sport
Success!

Use Your Strengths!

Athletics Department Can Provide

■Structure

■Stability

■Positive support

Student Athletes Can Provide

■Enthusiasm

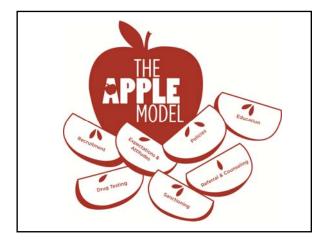
■Input

■Positive Leadership

Student-Athletes must have a significant voice in the process.

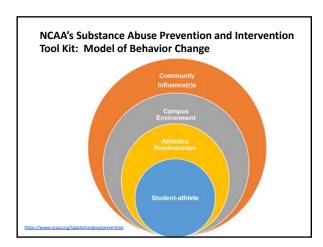


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APPLE Athletics Department Baseline Assessment

- Team Contact completed before the training institute
- Assessment tied to each slice's guiding principles
- Maximum score per slice = 100 points
 - 50 points awarded components of WRITTEN policies
- Annual policy distribution increased score
- Policies that equally cover ALL students affiliated with the Athletics Department increased score









Recruitment Guiding Principles

- Uniform
- Consistent
- Neither promotes nor condones use
- Recruit behavior is a responsibility of the student host

Recruitment Best Practices

- Assess recruiting and hosting experiences
- List appropriate/inappropriate activities for visits
- Wallet-sized recruiting information cards
- Hosting information sessions
- Gather pre-visit information on recruit interests
- Is recruit a good fit for your program/culture?

Loyola University Maryland



- Created a comprehensive hosting policy
- Reviewed with coaches every semester
- "Conversations for the Car Ride Home" booklet



Expectations & Attitudes Guiding Principles

- Consistent for ALL:
 - ✓ Student-Athletes
 - ✓ Cheerleaders
 - √ Student Managers
 - ✓ Student Athletic Trainers
- Athletics staff adhere to the same standards

Expectations & Attitudes Best Practices

- Orientation messages
- Student-athlete handbook
- Buddy teams
- Promote existing late-night programming
- Bystander intervention training

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Student-Athlete Beliefs About Intervention

(% who agree/strongly agree)

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85

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I like thinking of myself as a helper

89

77

Teammates will look up to me if I intervene

All community members play a role in keeping people safe

57



Student-Athletes Are More Willing to Intervene

% Willing to confront a teammate if he/she is treating partner inappropriately % Willing to intervene in a situation if it could lead to inappropriate* sexual behavior

*Inappropriate replaced with "unwanted," 2016

2012

2016

2012 2016

women 47

67



men

59+70

63 78

ICAA 2012 & 2016 Social Environments Survey

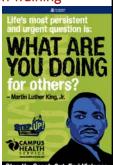
Best Practice: Bystander Intervention Training

- Raise awareness of problem behaviors
- · Increase motivation to help
- Develop skills & confidence when responding
- Ensure the safety & well-being of others



Break out @ 2:00 pm

Developed by the University of Arizona with support from the NCAA, University of Virginia and University of CA, Riverside



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Campbell University



- Campus-wide bystander intervention program
- Peer-to-peer approach
- Sexual assault prevention/response focus

Break out @ 4:10 pm



Team Meeting Guidelines



Discuss:

- Your Athletics
 Department Baseline

 Assessment results
- What's already in place at your school
- Areas for improvement
- New ideas to implement



Education Guiding Principles

- Programming is mandatory
- Specifically tailored to student-athletes' needs
- Includes peer education
- Qualified training and supervision
- Staff are well-informed on effective prevention
- Evaluation

NCAA on Institutional Drug Education

Required under Bylaw 14.1.4:

- distribute list of banned drugs
- educate on products that may contain them

Minimum Guidelines: Conduct Alcohol/Other Drug Education:

- ...for NCAA, conference, institution and team
- ...each semester



Student-Athlete Mentors (SAM) University of Virginia



- Created in 1989
- Peer-to-peer education
- Positive aspects of peer influence
 - Internal team resource, role model
 - Recognize and prevent problems
 - · Community service
- Student-run leadership

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



- Illini FAM Freshman Athlete Mentor Program
- Focus on transition issues unique to student-athletes
- Created as an APPLE Action Plan

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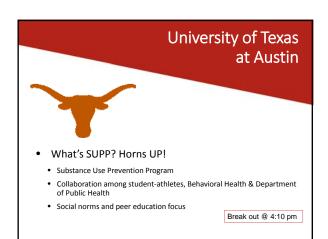
Best Practice: Correct Misperceptions

- Marketing campaigns specific to studentathletes
- Formal team-based presentations
- Large-scale programs with clickers

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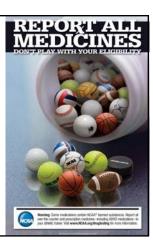




NCAA Education Resources

- CHOICES grant awards
- Health and Safety publications
- Heath and Safety posters
- Sports Medicine Handbook

www.ncaa.org/health-safety www.ncaa.org/studentatheteaffairs www.ncaa.org/mentalhealth www.ncaa.org/violenceprevention









St. John's University



- Showed HAZE to all athletics teams
 - Followed by discussion with support from athletics administration
 - Evaluated their program!



Team Meeting Guidelines



Discuss:

- Which evidence-based programs are you using?
- Are you providing education on alcohol, or just banned drugs?
- Which approaches would be easiest to implement on your campus?



Policies

Policies Guiding Principles

- Guided by federal legislation and NCAA regulations
- Clearly define testing standards, procedures, and sanctions
 - ✓ Well-disseminated
 - ✓ Uniformly enforced
 - √ Regularly reviewed
- Applies to coaches, staff, student athletes, managers, athletic trainers, cheerleaders

NCAA Minimum Guidelines for Institutional Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Education ☐ Review and develop individual Discuss nutritional supplements and their inherent risks. ☐ Review the department of Allow time for questions from student-athletes. athletics' drug and alcohol policy. ☐ Review institutional drug and ☐ Review institutional or conference drug-testing programs (if applicable). Review NCAA alcohol, tobacco and drug policy including the tobacco ban, list of banned drug classes ☐ Review conference drug and alcohol policy. and testing protocol. **Policies Best Practices** If it's not in writing, it's not in effect. Policies must be department-wide with **significant** student Reviewed by campus legal counsel Team rules may be **more** restrictive than departmental Team-by-team policies ALONE are not effective Coach-driven policies are not effective Address out-of-season behaviors Panel discussion @ 3:05 pm Wilson College • APPLE team reviews existing policies annually and endorses new policies to AD for review. Policies written by student-athletes or with heavy

student involvement.

SAAC distributes policies to teams.

SAAC then reviews, provides feedback and approval.



Team Meeting Guidelines



Discuss:

- Do your policies reflect what is really happening at your school?
- How can policies be improved by studentathlete input?
- Which parts of your policy should be worked on first?



Drug Testing

Drug Testing Guiding Principles

- Required education on NCAA banned drugs
- **Uniform** policy including informed consent and sanctions
- Student-athletes agree
 - ...not to use banned drugs
 - ...to be tested according to campus and NCAA policies
- Compliance forms are explained and signed
- Campus complies with NCAA drug testing administrative duties

Drug Testing Best Practices



Ensure Integrity of the System:

- ✓ Confidentiality
- ✓ Collection procedures
- ✓ Chain of custody
- ✓ Lab

Do What's Right

Drug Use Deterrence

- Create culture of trust
- Shared responsibility
- Strong written policy
- Comprehensive education
- Drug testing



Break out @ 2:00 pm

Berry College

- Concerned that student-athletes didn't understand drug testing process
- Created a humorous video starring a football player to educate student-athletes and reduce stress





Sanctioning Guiding Principles

- Sanctions actions are:
 - ✓ Appropriate
 - ✓ Clearly specified
 - ✓ Well-disseminates
 - ✓ Uniformly enforced

Sanctioning Best Practices

- Opportunity for education and self-reflection
- Sanctions may vary based on whether the behavior was:
 - Planned or spontaneous
 - First-time or part of a larger pattern
- Clearly identify an appeals process
- Involve Dean of Students' Office/campus legal counselor in review of sanction policies

Don't abandon the athlete.

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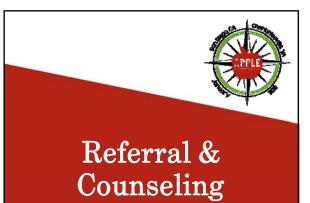
Sanctioning Best Practices

- Implement BASICS as the recommended sanction for any ATOD policy violation.
 - Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students.
 - In-person, personalized, normative feedback on behaviors using a Motivational Interviewing approach.
 - Partner with Counseling Center to offer this evidence-based intervention to increase motivation for change.
- Refer to clinicians for assessment
- Ensure confidentiality
- Follow-up!

Break out @ 3:05 pm

Marijuana Sanctioning

- •NCAA identifies marijuana as a banned substance in the "illicit drug" class
- •There is no "medical exception" waiver available
- •NCAA penalty for a positive test:
 - Half the season for ALL sports played (1st positive test)
 - Full calendar year of eligibility in ALL sports (2 $^{\rm nd}$ positive test)



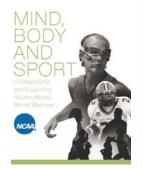
Referral & Counseling Guiding Principles

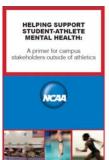
- Specify timeliness, confidentiality, and expected follow-up
- Include a range of options
- Accessible
- Students can be seen in a timely manner
- Develop relationships with counseling staff

Referral & Counseling Best Practices

- Train staff in brief motivational intervention
- Refer to clinicians for assessment
- Host annual/semiannual meetings with campus & community resources
- Ensure confidentiality
- Follow-up!

NCAA Sport Science Institute Resources







Referral & Counseling Best Practices

- Involve Coaches:
 - "Coaches Assist" PowerPoint presentation
 - "It Matters" video
 - Institute to Promote Athlete Health and Wellness
 - APPLE website





https://athletewellness.uncg.edu/

University of California, Los Angeles

- Student-Athlete Mentors & Bruin Athletic Council hosted a Student-Athlete Wellness Fair in the week before finals
- 10-minute health and wellness sessions included:
 • Social Norms and
 - Substance Use in Student-Athletes.

 - Sports and Personal Identity.
 How is Your Inner Voice Helping or Hurting You.
- Over 100 student-athletes attended!

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(s) & Athletes at the Student-Athlete Health & Wellness Fair #GoBruins 1.33 PM - Mar 16, 2017



Team Meeting Guidelines



Discuss:

- What are the barriers for student-athletes to get help?
- If you have drug testing, do student-athletes perceive selection to be random?
- Are your sanctions enforced consistently?
- Are you using evidence-based
- Who monitors compliance?



🙀 Saturday PM Team Meeting

- Discuss any new ideas or approaches you have learned
- Decide on a project that relates to ONE APPLE slice
- Begin to detail how you will implement this project using the Action Plan Worksheet

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Worksheet follows the Admin. Facilitation Guide in your booklet

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Easy Goal Setting

Who is the target population?

What is the behavior/attitude you want to change?

When will it change? What will be new/different that will cause the change?

How much will it change?

How will you know it changed? How do you measure and evaluate?

Example: Measurable Long-term Goal

(who) student-athletes (what) reduce alcohol use quantity and/or frequency (when) after implementing a social norms campaign (how much) 5% reduction in Q/F of alcohol use (how do you know) pre/post test using Core Survey

By April 2019, as a result of a comprehensive social norms marketing campaign, student-athletes will reduce how much alcohol they drink by 5% as measured by pre- and post-tests using the Core Campus Survey of Alcohol and other Drug Norms.

Example: Measurable Short-Term Goal

(who) freshmen student-athletes (what) increase accurate knowledge of drinking norms (when) after attending SAM alcohol ed. program (how much) 50% will know true drinking norms (how do you know) pre/post 5-item survey using clickers

By April 2018, 50% of freshmen student-athletes who attend a SAM alcohol program will know accurate social norm statistics as measured by pre/post tests.

