

Alcohol Policy

The use of alcohol impedes the ability of a student-athlete to achieve optimal performance levels. Clemson University Athletic Department does not support underage drinking, irresponsible use of alcohol or alcohol-related behavior that leads to involvement with the criminal justice system. Clemson University and South Carolina law restrict the use of alcohol. Student-athletes should refer to the Clemson University Code of Conduct for further information on these restrictions.

Student-athletes who consume alcohol will be held accountable for any alcohol-related incident in which they are involved on or off campus. In such cases, the student-athlete is subject to the Athletics Department or team disciplinary action dependent upon the incident resulting, or not, in legal action.

If the incident does not result in legal action, the coach of that team will recommend to that team's sports supervisor the appropriate course of action. If the student-athlete is charged, convicted or pleads guilty to an incident involving the legal system, the course of action will follow the Athletics Department's protocol for addressing violations of the Department's Standard of Conduct.

Alcohol incidents involving the legal system include, but are not limited to:

1. Driving under the influence (DUI / DWI) or other motor vehicle violations involving alcohol.
2. Public intoxication.
3. Drunk and disorderly.
4. Minor in possession (underage drinking).
5. Possession of a false identification card.

Student-athletes are subject to University sanctions for conduct associated with the irresponsible use/possession of alcohol. If an incident is reported to the University, and sanctions are subsequently imposed, the Athletics Department will review and determine whether further sanctions/requirements be imposed.

Possible Sanctions/Requirements in Response to Alcohol Violations

- Counseling
- Education
- Community Service
- Suspension of team privileges
- Suspension/separation from the team

Parents of the student-athlete will be informed of all incidents involving the irresponsible or illegal use of alcohol.

Clemson University Medical Alcohol Amnesty Policy (MAAP)

Clemson University's MAAP states: "Anyone who receives emergency medical attention for alcohol consumption, or seeks assistance for someone in an alcohol-related emergency will not be charged with violations of university alcohol-related policies. No one may receive protection under this policy more than once in a two-year period." The Clemson University Athletic Department acknowledges, and supports this policy. However, since the Department's alcohol policy is based upon education and support, those aspects of the offense schedule related to counseling, and informing parents/guardians will be retained. Student-athletes should note that the university policy does not provide a reprieve from criminal charges that may ensue from the alcohol-related behavior.

The University offers early-intervention and other counseling programs for students using alcohol inappropriately. Contact Dr. Jackson (864-637-8181) for a referral, or contact Redfern Health Center directly (864-656-2415).