



Alcohol and Drug Policy¹²

Prevention of alcohol and drug abuse is a recognized health-related priority. The counseling office will provide students and employees with the awareness of the perils of substance abuse, and offers booklets, pamphlets, videos, referrals, resources, and campus-wide activities to educate the college community.

The college prohibits the presence, use, serving and distribution of any alcohol or drug substance on college property. Sanctions imposed upon students or employees for violations of the college's alcohol or drug policy will be determined by the circumstances of each case. Local, state, and federal laws which apply to the purchase, consumption, and abuse of alcohol and/or drugs will be fully enforced by MCCC. Students and employees interested in obtaining more information, community referrals, or personal and confidential counseling may contact the Counseling Department at ext. 4322. Mercer County Community College is in a **DRUG FREE ZONE**. Since it is within 1000 feet of the Mercer County Special Services School, the penalties can be even more severe for those who take part in illegal drug and/or alcohol activities. In addition, legal consequences will apply:

- Anyone convicted of passing a drug can be considered a dealer therefore subject to prison without parole. (N.J.S.A. 2C:35-7)
- Anyone convicted of possession of any type of illegal drug will have to do at least 100 hours of community service. (N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10)
- Anyone convicted as an adult for passing any type of illegal drug, other than marijuana, will be sentenced to three years in prison without parole.
- Anyone convicted as an adult for dealing even a small amount of marijuana will get at least one year in prison without parole. (N.J.S.A. 2C:35-7)

When traveling, you assume the consequences of the state in which you play.

I understand and agree to abide by the above rules and regulations regarding drug and alcohol abuse as a Mercer County Community College student athlete.

Any behavior by the student athlete that exhibits reasonable suspicion of alcohol or drug use may require the student athlete to be removed from practice or competition for safety concerns. Return to activity may be withheld until independent testing or intervention documentation is submitted.

Athlete Signature: _____ **Date:** _____