

OYHA Drug Testing Program

2024-25 season and beyond

Owensboro Youth Hockey Association (OYHA) is committed to promoting a safe and healthy environment for its athletes. As such the following Drug Testing Program is in place:

Random drug testing will be conducted during the hockey season (August through March). All rostered Bantam and HS travel team players will be required to adhere to the OYHA Drug testing policy in the 2024-25 season and beyond.

Testing will be performed randomly and on an unannounced basis at the discretion of the Owensboro Youth Hockey Association (OYHA) Coach in Chief (CIC) or OYHA President at the Edge Ice Rink during a regularly scheduled practice by an Owensboro Health employee or at an Owensboro Health Facility.

All testing will be scheduled by either the OYHA CIC or the OYHA President with results being sent directly to the OYHA CIC or OYHA President.

Results will only be shared with the Head Coach and Assistant Coach(es) of the affected teams. Results will be held in confidence by individuals in a “need to know” position.

Refusal to participate in testing will result in dismissal from OYHA affiliated team(s).

If a positive result occurs, the OYHA CIC or OYHA President will contact at least one of the athlete’s parents, if the athlete is a minor; otherwise, if the athlete is 18 years of age or older, the athlete will be contacted directly with the results and the resulting disciplinary action.

If an athlete receiving a positive result wishes to be retested immediately, they may do so at their own expense at the Mayfair Avenue Owensboro Health facility within two days of receiving the positive result. This may be scheduled through the OYHA CIC or OYHA President. If a negative result occurs after a positive result has previously occurred, the disciplinary action will be lifted.

If a player is present at the Edge Ice Rink or is on its premises, i.e. parking lot, for a scheduled practice and leaves the premises prior to submitting to a random drug test that is being conducted, or if the player is absent from practice without being explicitly excused by the Coach or Assistant Coach prior to the start of practice, he or she will not be permitted to participate in any OYHA function until a drug test is performed at the Mayfair Avenue location of Owensboro Health System. Scheduling of the test will be handled by the OYHA CIC or OYHA President.

If a player has previously been excused from practice by the Head Coach or Assistant Coach(es) during which a random drug test is scheduled to be conducted, he or she will be required to submit to testing at the Mayfair Avenue location of Owensboro Health System and has no restriction from participation in team activities. Scheduling will occur through the OYHA CIC or OYHA President.

If a player has an unreadable result, a retest will be required to be scheduled within two days of being notified. If the test is not repeated within two days, the athlete will not be permitted to participate in OYHA activities until such time as required test has been completed. Scheduling of the test will be conducted by OYHA CIC or OYHA President.

In the circumstance of a positive test result resulting in a first offense, the athlete will be suspended for the greater of: 1) the time period including 10% of the estimated remaining games for the current season, including all OYHA activities occurring between those games; or 2) 14 days from the date of the positive test result. Tournament games will be estimated based on guaranteed number of games. A player that fails a drug test will be required to retest at the Mayfair Avenue location of Owensboro Health within 30 days of the positive result at their own expense. Retesting will be scheduled by the OYHA CIC or OYHA President.

In the circumstance of a positive result yielding a second offense, resulting either from a retest or a randomly scheduled screening, the athlete will be dismissed from the team for the remainder of the season. The athlete will be permitted to try out next season.