Health and Safety

Committee Members
The Health and Safety Committee will include:
   o Chair (designated by the Region membership)
   o All full-time and part-time Licensed Athletic Trainers employed by Region XIX member institutions

Operating Code
1. A Licensed Athletic Trainer (LAT) will be present for all in-season home contests. Presence at out-of-season contests (Fall Baseball/Softball, Spring Soccer, etc.) is at the discretion of the member institution. If no LAT is available, the host institution must provide a First Responder at the contest to enact an emergency medical plan, if necessary.
2. In the absence of a licensed, College-approved Physician, the LAT will make the decision on an athlete’s ability to return to play after an injury.
3. The LAT shall practice in accordance with:
   a. The rules and regulations of the Athletic Training Practice Act of the state in which they are licensed.
   b. The plan of care/standing orders established between the LAT and their directing physician.
   c. The emergency actions plan(s) for the activity site.
4. The host institution will provide an automated external defibrillator (AED), injury ice, water and appropriate splinting/immobilization equipment at all contests. Visiting teams must supply all medical supplies for their athletes.
5. The host LAT shall adhere to best practices and exercise professional judgment in determining the necessity of any/all taping and bracing, the removal of an athlete from play, and the rendering of indicated treatment.
6. When a visiting team has several players to be taped or has a player requiring special taping/treatment, the LAT or a representative of the visiting school should call/email the host institution to arrange such needs with the host LAT.
7. If a visiting player suffers an injury, the host LAT or site administrator shall call/email the visiting institution’s LAT or athletic administration informing them of the injury received and the care/treatment that was provided.

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