

EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROCEDURES  
RUTHERFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Chain of Command During Injury

The following is the chain of command for handling emergency procedures:

The physician is in charge. In the absence of the physician, the Athletic Director is in charge, followed by the Athletic Trainer, followed by the Head Coach, then the Assistant Coaches. When a physician or a more qualified individual is present, the less qualified individual will relinquish authority to the more qualified individual.

On the Field or Court First Aid

The chain of command is to be followed. The individual responsible must work quickly and efficiently, cautious not to further harm the injured person. If the responsible individual has any doubts concerning the transportation of the injured student, an ambulance should be summoned.

During any injury the responsible individual should frequently check the breathing and circulation and consciousness of the injured student. The student should be referred by the individual responsible to a physician or attendant of the emergency room, depending upon the severity of condition. An ambulance or other emergency vehicle should be summoned if there is any doubt concerning the transportation of the injured student.

Athletic Director-Trainer's Responsibility

The athletic director – trainer are responsible for coordination of the sports medicine program. They are responsible for the sport with the highest incidence of injury if two athletic teams are practicing or competing at the same time. The specific coverage for which the athletic director – trainer are responsible include:

Home Varsity Football

The following will be done prior to competition:

1. Request that the ambulance or other emergency vehicle be in attendance.
2. Physician in attendance.
3. Emergency equipment available. (The First Aid Kit)

All Other Athletic Contests

1. Ambulance notified of scheduled events.
2. Emergency equipment available. (The First Aid Kit)

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Notification to Parents

All athletes must have on file an emergency permission form as well as their physical examination record. The emergency permission form is used only in emergency situations. Parents are to be contacted as soon as possible after injury has occurred. A private vehicle may be used as transportation if the case so warrants. If there is any doubt concerning the welfare of the injured athlete, however, the ambulance or other emergency vehicle is to be summoned. In case of any injury or if legal action seems likely, the following procedures are to be implemented: An injury report should be filed as soon as possible with the main office.

1. Do not discuss who is at fault or place the blame on anyone.
2. Do not discuss possible causes except with attending medical personnel if necessary.
3. Isolate at once any equipment that was involved.
4. Contact the insurance companies which underwrite our injury and liability policies (legal staff may be helpful).
5. Notify all health team members.

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