National Athletic Trainers' Association

Secondary School Official Statement

The National Athletic Trainer's Association as a leader in health care for the physically active believes that the prevention and treatment of injuries to student-athletes are a priority. The recognition and treatment of injuries to student athletes must be immediate. The medical delivery system for injured student-athletes needs a coordinator within the local school community who will facilitate the prevention, recognition, treatment and reconditioning of sports related injuries. Therefore, it is the position of the National Athletic Trainers' Association that all secondary schools should provide the services of a full-time, on-site, certified athletic trainer (ATC) to student athletes.