



Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference
Athletic Trainers Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, February 13, 2007
Lock Haven University

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Meeting Called to Order at 11:05am

Introductions

All conference schools were represented except for Cheyney and West Chester. The Commissioner and the Athletic Director Liaison were also in attendance.

Allen Larsen, Jr., Roxanna Larsen, Jamie Foster, Marcie Fyock, Adam , Colleen Shotwell, Wendy Wheeler, Gary Hanna, Rebecca Sidener, Frank Trenney, Rennie Sacco, Martha Anderson, Yvette Ingram, Eric Lippincott, Michael Porter, Jody Preische, Laurie Zaprazinski, Brian Oakes, Hank Fijalkowski, Teresa Zepka, Joseph Theis, Rich Patterson, Scott Zema, Tom Goglio, and Steve Murray.

Announcements:

1. Tom Goglio, ESU, announced that Colleen Shotwell has been named Coordinator of Sports Medicine for the University.
2. If you haven't gotten your NPI number, please do so by the deadline of May 23, 2007. Forward your number to Tom West at California.
3. Please email your NATA member # to Yvette Ingram.

Minutes:

The Minutes from the February 14, 2006 meeting were approved without objection or changes.

Old Business:

1. PSAC Lightning Policy:

Discussion took place regarding last years request to place the schools policy on their web site for informational purposes for visiting teams and to alert teams as to the criteria used for decision making. It was suggested that each school ask their safety officer about posting it on their individual web sites for liability reasons.

2. Cheerleading Coach/Advisor Safety Certification/grounding- update

Steve Murray gave an update to the grounding of the cheerleaders from the fall season. There will be a meeting this spring with AD's and Cheer Advisors to discuss/develop policy for approved activity. The Commissioner agreed to contact the members from our Cheerleading Ad Hoc committee (Hank F., Teresa Z., and Roxanna L.) to see if they can attend this meeting.

3. Off-Campus Championship Athletic Trainer Coverage

Last years meeting gave approval to form a committee to write a policy for Securing Off-Campus Sports Medicine Coverage for PSAC Championships. This never happen. An Ad Hoc Committee with the following individuals was formed to write this policy: Marcie Fyock, Allen Larsen, Martha Anderson and Rennie Sacco. They will report back to the group no later than the beginning of next fall semester (2007).

New Business:

1. Accreditation standard for curriculum students traveling without an ATC?

Marcie (Clarion) and Jamie (Cal Pa) updated the group regarding curriculum students traveling without an ATC. Students can not be forced to travel unsupervised as an educational requirement, though it can be voluntary. As a result, some institutions may not have students traveling as in the past. Students who do travel may perform pre-event tape and act as a first responder. A document was distributed that addresses this subject. (enclosure)

PSAC Clinical Instructor agreement: There is interest by the conference athletic trainers and athletic training educators in developing a common agreement to supervise athletic training students. The following Ad Hoc Committee was formed to investigate the feasibility of and proposed language for this agreement. (Neil Curtis-WCU, Jody Preische-LHU, Amanda Allen-CUP)

2. A) Tryout and Recruits participating and/or conditioning with college sport athletes. Steve Murray reminded the group that schools can have tryouts with high school recruits so long as they have had a physical. He reminded everyone that schools no longer have to follow their specific student-athlete physical process for this tryout. Scott Zema (SRU) stated their office is not involved with this process. It is strictly dealt with from their Athletic Directors office. Some others handle this process through their sports medicine office. Steve Murray reminded us that any activity with a current student-athlete is deemed to be a practice for that/those student-athletes.

3. Visiting Team (Football) Equipment

Gary Hanna (Edinboro) reminded everyone the importance of communicating when traveling to another institution, especially football. Our conference Sports Medicine 'coverage policy' states transportation will be provided for visiting team's athletic training equipment to and from the playing field. Some schools do not have specific equipment personnel so it should not be an expectation that the host sports medicine staff be responsible for transporting their equipment. It was also brought up that Cal Pa had brought their own utility vehicle(s) to away football games. While other schools may look to do the same, it was cautioned that these vehicles are not licensed and fall under the supervision of the university's public safety office. Contact should be made with both the host school's public safety and athletic office to verify that these vehicles will be allowed to function during their visit to another school.

4. Proposal to require PSAC Coaches and staff (to include anyone who may be alone with a team during any approved team physical activities) to be certified in both First Aid & CPR. Refer to NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook 2006-07: Guideline 1c/Emergency Care & Coverage (page 10-11) #8

This was brought up due to the failed NCAA legislation on the same subject. The Commissioner asked that we delay making a proposal to the Conference Administrators until after next years NCAA convention where there is a possibility they'd attempt to write better language that might pass. He also raised the question on whether this was a conference issue or an institutional issue. It was discussed that this be included in the Coaches CBA. (How does this subject get raised there?) It was noted that the NCAA requires that all Wrestling coaches (including volunteers) have current certification in both FA & CPR. The group agreed to move a proposal that all PSAC Sport team activities (to include weight training, conditioning, practice and games) must have an individual with current certifications in both FA and CPR/AED. Specific language will be developed and sent out for group feedback before an official email vote.

5. Roster sizes: Do schools have a cap on the number of players during a team's off/non-traditional season.

None of the schools indicated they had a cap, although several schools have specific dates they do physicals which may have an affect on numbers for teams.

6. Coverage during situation of severe weather. (i.e. snow)

Discussion took place regarding how schools handle covering team activities when weather, specifically snow, forces the school to closed or affect the ability for personnel to get to work. Several institutions allow teams to practice only if the faculty athletic trainers can get in to work. Some do not allow any athletic activity if their school is closed. Others have no formal policy but generally use common sense about the risk of getting to work. Everyone agreed that the universities should not expect us to risk our own safety in these situations.

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7. Concussion testing/IMPACT Program

Jamie (CUP) inquired how many schools were using the IMPACT Program. The following are currently using this program: Millersville, Lock Haven, IUP, Edinboro & Cal Pa.

8. Soccer Scheduling

It was discussed that the mandated soccer game schedules regularly include 4 games per week or eight day period. Next years women schedule has several 8-day periods where teams play 4 games and the men have a couple. We all agreed that these numbers of games per week or 8-day period will have an increasing affect on injury rates. Everyone agreed to keep track of soccer injuries for 2007. Becky (Edinboro) will compile this data after the season.

9. 2008 Meeting via Video Conferencing

The Commissioner allowed the group to pursue having next years meeting at three sites with video conferencing technology. The sites will be SRU, KU and LHU. Rich (SRU), Mike (LHU) and Rennie (KU) will look into this at their own campuses and report back to the Commissioner no later than the fall semester. Scheduling early should avoid any class conflicts. We also discussed having this meeting in May.

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