

The welfare of the injured/ill athlete is always first and foremost. Immediate care in some form is vital. By no means should care wait to be undertaken until a certified athletic trainer or other medical professional arrives on the scene. Proceed as judgment dictates until help arrives.

If an ill or injured student-athlete(s) or staff member(s) require hospitalization or a lengthy emergency room visit while off-campus, the Designated Trip Leader or Club Safety Officer will determine who will stay with the individual. The decision will be based on what is best for the injured/ill person's health.

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## ACCIDENT

In case of an accident:

1. First priority is always life and injuries of all parties. Call 9-1-1 for police and emergency medical services (EMS). Render first aid to the level of your training, as appropriate. Secure the scene, see that others are not put at risk from oncoming traffic, and remove vehicles from the roadway as quickly as possible considering the circumstances.
2. Take photos; record other driver's information (names, D/L number, date and time of the accident, witnesses, conditions and weather, damage to both vehicles, etc.)
3. Once all immediate emergency procedures are handled, contact your designated personnel.
4. Campus PD will be notified to report the accident, even if their assistance is not needed, so the accident report is recorded in their logs.
5. Make arrangements to take care of your damaged vehicle, depending on circumstances. If the vehicle cannot be driven, make arrangements to have it towed to a holding yard or other place. Your insurer may have useful information and provisions for this contingency.

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## INJURY/ILLNESS

Emergency Medical Care Responsibilities

1. Provide immediate direct medical care during practices and games to any ill or injured individual within your knowledge base, and activate the emergency action plan by contacting your designated personnel for guidance and to inform him/her of the situation.
2. Defer to the host site emergency action plan, if available. All injuries/illnesses should be evaluated by the on-site athletic trainer if possible. If not available, and is a non-emergency, individual should be treated by local medical facility.
3. Assist with scene management during an emergency medical event, including coordinating with EMS, fire, and police as appropriate.
4. Return-to-competition decisions for an injured/ill individual will be based upon physician orders and/or the judgment of the onsite medical personnel.

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## CATASTROPHIC EVENT

The NCAA defines catastrophic events as student-athlete fatalities, near fatalities, loss of limb catastrophic injuries (e.g., injuries and illnesses related to the head, neck, spine, heart, lung, heat, sickle-cell trait, and eyes).

Follow the Emergency Medical Care Responsibilities 1-3 as listed above. Please note that **ALL COMMUNICATION regarding the incident will be handled by the College and its designees**. The attending/treating AT, coaching staff, team members, or other college personnel will not discuss the incident with parents, family, media, or any other personnel unless directed to do so by the President of the College, Athletic Director, or Director of Recreation.



**CLUB SPORTS DESIGNATED PERSONEL**

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In the event of an injury, illness, or accident off campus the club's Designated Trip Leader is responsible for contacting EMS (911), activating the EAP (Emergency Action Plan), and then contacting the proper personnel from the following Phone Tree in order to report the injury, illness, or accident. If the Designated Trip Leader is not able to complete these duties, the responsibility falls on the Safety Officer(s).

| Off-Campus Accident/Injury/Illness Phone Tree |                                      |  |                                      |
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| <b>Chris Starr</b><br>Director of Recreation  | 719-389-6767 (O)<br>719-650-2428 (C) | <b>Christina Lorete</b><br>Recreation Athletic Trainer | 719-389-6891 (O)<br>757-286-9568 (C) |
| <b>Campus Safety</b>                          |                                      | 719-389-6911   |                                      |