

ATHLETIC INJURY PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

The North East Independent School District Athletic Department takes the safety of all students participating in its athletic programs very seriously. Full attention must always be paid to any injured athlete that, in the coach's or Athletic Trainer's judgment, should not be allowed to participate any further in an athletic contest or practice. While no coach or Athletic Trainer is a doctor and cannot make any formal diagnosis regarding a potential injury to an athlete, any error should be made on the side of caution.

- The North East Independent School District Athletic Department will seek to keep parents/guardians informed in the event a coach or Athletic Trainer determines in his or her best judgment that an athlete should be held out of a practice or athletic contest for any reason other than performance.
- In the event that an athlete is held out of a practice or athletic competition for any trauma related reason, the coach, Athletic Trainer, or other appropriate District personnel will contact the parent/legal guardian of the athlete after the practice or athletic competition, or earlier if possible. Any illnesses, overuse or chronic condition notifications are at the discretion of coach or Athletic Trainer
- The individual contacting the parent or legal guardian should relate the facts as they are known, including what the athlete has said or how he/she is acting.
- Any athlete requiring emergency medical attention will be handled in accordance with those emergency procedures explained in the Athletic Participation Form or Concussion Management Protocol Return To Play Form.
- Emergency contact information for parents/guardians of each athlete will be kept on record: listing available home, work and/or cellular telephone numbers.
- Telephone numbers for parent/guardians of athletes will be available at all venues, for all coaches and Athletic Trainers, through the NEISD approved Rank One Sports platform, i.e. website and/or phone app.
- In the event a parent/guardian cannot be reached at any of the telephone numbers listed, messages will be left. A coach, Athletic Trainer, or other appropriate District personnel should stay with the athlete until a parent/guardian can be reached. If the coach is alone in the supervision of a group of athletes, the coach will use his or her best judgment to see that the injured athlete, as well as the remaining members of the team, are all cared for in the best possible manner considering the circumstances.

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