Type I vs. Type II Coverage

Type I coverage is when the Certified Athletic Trainer is on site at your practice or competition area. During this time the coach is responsible for:

- Having a first aid kit available
- Having emergency cards for all participants
- Assisting the Athletic Trainer as necessary

Type II Coverage is when the Certified Athletic Trainer is not present. This may mean that the Athletic Trainer is at the soccer field when you, the coach, are in the gymnasium at basketball. This also includes times that the Athletic Trainer is traveling to away competitions or is out sick. During Type II coverage the coach is responsible for:

- Identifying the injury
- Providing initial care including first aid, CPR, calling 911, etc
- Providing the emergency card for the injured student athlete
- Contacting the parent if necessary

Type I and Type II coverage are applicable to all practices and competitions. If you are practicing over the weekend or during holidays unless other arrangements have been made with your Athletic Trainer, you will be on Type II coverage. It is essential that the coach have the necessary emergency cards and first aid supplies to care for common athletic injuries. The location of the school’s AED must also be noted in the event of a situation that may require its use.

If you have questions about Type I and Type II coverage, please contact your schools Certified Athletic Trainer.