

East Tennessee State University
Athletic Department/Athletic Training General Policies

1. Risk of Injury: Intercollegiate athletics may constitute a dangerous activity involving the risks of injury. Those dangers and risks of playing or practicing include, but are not limited to death, severe neck and spinal injuries, which may cause complete or partial paralysis, brain damage, severe internal injury, severe injury to bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, tendons, and other aspects of the musculo-skeletal system. It is understood that such injury may result to serious impairment of future abilities to earn a living, to engage in other businesses, and generally to enjoy life.
2. General Policy Statement: Our purpose is to provide the best medical care possible for all athletes. East Tennessee State University Athletics carries medical insurance for all injuries directly related to participation in practice or university sponsored athletic competition. We will act as the secondary provider while your personal or parents insurance will act as the primary coverage in such events. It is strongly recommended that you or your parents carry insurance to cover any non-athletic injuries or illnesses since these are not covered by ETSU.
3. NCAA Bylaws Section 16.4: According to NCAA rules, only sickness or injury directly related to participation in intercollegiate athletics may be financed by the member institution. If sickness or injury occurs in classes, outside of class, or in extra-curricular activities that are not athletically related, it cannot be financed by the member institution. If an athlete enters the institution with a previous athletic injury, the member institution will not finance any medical expenses for that injury.
4. All Student-Athletes: In order for any student-athlete to participate in intercollegiate athletics while enrolled at ETSU, proof of medical insurance coverage must be provided. All costs for medical treatment, which results from injuries, which are sustained while competing in intercollegiate athletics, must be covered by a health insurance plan. A non-scholarship student-athlete must, in order to be issued equipment and/or be permitted to participate, supply the athletic department with proof of such insurance coverage. Proof of insurance shall include a specific insurance company and policy number.
5. Medical Referrals. If you see a doctor without proper authorization, you will incur all responsibility for expenses.
6. Dental & Eye Care: Only dental and eye injuries directly related to athletics can be financed by ETSU. All other problems should be reported to the athletic training room for proper referral.
7. Problems at Night & Emergencies: When the athletic training room is closed and you need the services of an athletic trainer, call the athletic training room at 439-4208 or your own sport's staff athletic trainer at home. If you are unable to reach an athletic trainer and your emergency is severe, try to contact your head coach and go to the nearest hospital emergency room. However, you must notify the athletic training room the following morning.

Please read this very carefully. After you have had an opportunity to do so, kindly indicate your understanding and approval hereof by signing on the line indicated below. Of course, if you have any questions, please bring them to our immediate attention.

Name: _____
Please Print

Name: _____ Date: _____
Signature