

1. Call to Order & Introductions

- Members introduced themselves and identified their organizations

Attendees: Dr. Roger McCoy, Dr. Tamara McLeod, Dr. Kareem Sharraway, Dr. Kristina Kwasnica, Dr. Randon Hall, Shelli Escamilla, Crystal Fix, Elyse Abbott, Lindsey Loughran, Bart Peterson, Matt Fryberger, Monica Pita, Randy Cohen, Jim Dean

2. Fall Sports Season Updates

- All fall sports season have begun with practice and/or competition
- Competition for all but swim/dive and flag football have begun, with those sports starting competition in the upcoming weeks.
- AIA celebrates the beginning of the 26-27 sports season and looks forward to a great year ahead.

3. Spanish Sports Physical Translation Discussion

- The group discussed translating the sports physical form into Spanish.
- Concerns arose regarding the qualification of those translating to assure medical accuracy of the translation.
- It was reported that 30-40% of families in one school district request a Spanish physical form.
- This will be further discussed at upcoming meetings.

4. Visiting Team Medical Care Policies

- The group examined the difficulties athletic trainers face when treating guest athletes, especially in non-urgent cases.
- It was proposed that institutions implement explicit protocols and messaging regarding medical support for visiting squads. This includes preseason education for other programs and verifying liability insurance.
- Members emphasized the necessity of reviewing liability matters with medical directors and creating formal written contracts that define care duties for away teams.
- The committee also addressed staff capacity and the requirement for proper documentation when clearing injured players to resume play.

5. Athletic Training Coverage Challenges

- The committee addressed obstacles regarding athletic training availability at some high schools, noting hurdles in securing personnel.
- It was shared that many schools are exploring opportunities to partner with providers for certified athletic trainers.
- Conversations further explored emergency response protocols for campuses lacking resident trainers;
- Additionally, a question regarding the validity of parent-physicians endorsing medical clearances for their own athletes was posed.
 - The consensus was that while such actions are lawful, individual institutions retain the authority to set internal regulations prohibiting the practice.

6. Heat Safety in Sports Policies

- The group discussed developing guidance specific to golf, including recommendations for umbrellas, cold towels, and water breaks to address heat safety concerns during golf matches. Dr. McLeod committed to creating an infographic for golf coaches similar to the one developed for swimming.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting: September 24