



National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association

Position Statement: Certified Athletic Trainer (December 1991)

WHEREAS the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) believes that prevention and treatment of injuries to student-athletes are a priority;

WHEREAS the ultimate goal of an athletic training program is to reduce the number of injuries incurred by student-athletes;

WHEREAS the treatment of injured student-athletes must be immediate;

WHEREAS statistics show that high schools or school districts which employ a certified athletic trainer have a lower rate of athletic injuries and re-injuries than high schools or school districts which do not employ a certified athletic trainer;

WHEREAS statistics show that the rate of athletic injuries and re-injuries lowers as the sports medicine education and training increases for trainers; and

WHEREAS the medical delivery system for injured student-athletes needs a coordinator within the local school community who will facilitate the prevention, treatment, and reconditioning of sports related injuries; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the NIAAA recommends that all high schools or school districts provide the services of a certified athletic trainer.