

ACCIDENT-ILLNESS POLICY

Dickinson State University DOES NOT carry any type of personal injury or health insurance coverage for students including student/athletes.

Medical attention, hospitalization, and medications are the financial responsibility of the students and or their parents. Students are advised to take note of their own or their family's insurance policy. Therefore, all charges for medical services as a result of illness and or injuries incurred during participation as a member of an athletic team will be billed to the athlete and should be submitted to his/her family insurance. **Dickinson State University cannot accept billing.**

We do have campus health services for all students through the University Nurse who is available during specified hours to meet student needs. In case of emergency health needs, students are to call a Residence Director, Resident Assistant, or Apartment Manager who will inform the appropriate personnel.

ALL ATHLETES WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW PROOF OF INSURANCE. PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETICS WILL NOT BE AUTHORIZED UNTIL THIS HAS BEEN VALIDATED.

A Certified Athletic Trainer is available at Dickinson State University. Our Certified Athletic Trainer, Tim Kreidt, is a member of both the National and North Dakota Athletic Trainers Associations. He has worked with youth, high school, college, semi-pro athletics for over 10 years, and now begins his 6th year with the Dickinson State University Athletic program. We also have great access to top notch orthopedic physicians through *Advanced Orthopedics* at St. Joseph's Hospital, family practice physicians at the *Dickinson Clinic* and *Great Plains Clinic* and a variety of medical personnel who satellite from the Bismarck Area.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK STATEMENT

Participation in sport requires an acceptance of risk of injury, including catastrophic injury and death. Athletes rightfully assume that those who are responsible for the conduct of sport have taken reasonable precautions to minimize the risk of significant injury and that those participation in the sport will not intentionally inflict injury.

Periodic analysis of injury patterns continuously lead to refinements in the rules and other safety guidelines. However, to legislate safety via the rule book and equipment standards, although often necessary, is seldom effective by itself. To rely on officials to enforce compliance with the rule book is as insufficient as to rely on warning labels to produce behavioral compliance with safety guidelines. Compliance means respect on everyone's part for the intent and purpose of a rule or guideline, not merely technical satisfaction by some of its phrasing.

The undersigned, herewith:

- A. Understands that he or she must refrain from practice or play while ill or injured, whether or not receiving medical treatment, or during medical treatment until he or she is discharged despite continuing treatment.
- B. Understands that having passed the physical examination does not necessarily mean that he or she is physically qualified to engage in athletics, but that the examiner did not find a medical reason to disqualify him or her at the time of said examination.

Signature of Athlete

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED BEFORE THE STUDENT/ATHLETE WILL BE PERMITTED TO PRACTICE OR PLAY