Risk Management for the Athletic Trainer

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Overview of Risk Management Concepts

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Overview of Risk Management Concepts

What is Risk Management?
- Classic Risk Management…
- Sports Risk Management…

(Appenzeller, 1998)
Overview of Risk Management Concepts

The Standard of Care...

- Duty Owed
- Reasonably Prudent
- Up-to-Date
- Professional
- Perception/Facts
- Care

(Carpenter, 2000)
Overview of Risk Management Concepts

Forseeability...

- Otherwise known as remoteness...

(Appenzeller, 1998)
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Negligence…
- Duty
- Breach of Duty
- Causation
- Harm
- Remoteness

(Appenzeller, 1998)
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Certification & Licensure…

- NATA-BOC
- State Licensure
- Athletic Administrator Certification
- Coaching Certification
- First Aid, Emergency Medical Technician

…and the Rights and Responsibilities of the Same
Overview of Risk Management Concepts

Professional Standards…

- National Athletic Trainers’ Association
- National Association for Sport and Physical Education
- National Council of Secondary School Athletic Directors
- PACE (and others)
Risk Management Issues in Sport

Who Are At Risk?

- Players
- Spectators
- Coaching Staff
- Officials
- Others, e.g., Press, Vendors, and Venue Management Staff
Risk Management Issues in Sport

What are the Challenges?

- Knowing the Standard of Care
- Understanding the Responsibility to Manage Foreseeable Risks and Do No Harm
- Knowing the Professional Rights and Responsibilities of Certification/Licensure
Risk Management Issues in Sport

When?

- Out of Season*
- Pre-Practice
- Practice
- Post-Practice
- Pre-Game
- Game
- Post-Game
- Post-Season
- Non-Traditional Season*

*Out-of-/Non-Traditional Season (pre/post) may not be a time when coverage is required
Risk Management Issues in Sport

Where Are the Risks?

- While in Competition
- While in Training
- In or at Facilities and Venues
- To and From Practices and Events
Risk Management Issues in Sport

Why Manage Risks?

- Professional Responsibility: Moral and Legal
- State-by-State Regulations regarding “Good Samaritan”
Who’s Responsible and Why?

Certified Athletic Trainers

- Professional Preparation and Certification
- Professional Responsibility
Who’s Responsible and Why

Sport Managers

- Professional Preparation and Qualifications
- Professional Responsibility
Risk Management as a Collaborative, Problem-Solving Effort
Establishing/Implementing a Joint Risk Management Program
JRMP Collaborative Process:

- Identify Key Issues
- Establish Representative Work Group
- Configure Process and Timeline
- Implement Process
- Establish Protocol, Policies and Procedures
- Assess Outcomes
Work Session: Using a JRMP Model and Assessing Outcomes

Work in small groups on one of the six initiatives (cases) identified.

Consider the case as a JRMP Committee, reflecting on how you would manage the risk(s) inherent in your case.

Decide on a means of assessing the outcome of the JMRP Committee’s effort.
Small Group Initiatives

- Case 1: Standard of Care—Establishing a policy for practice and event coverage.

- Case 2: Foreseeability—Establishing a policy regarding team practices or contests after school cancellations (weather).
Small Group Initiatives

- Case 3: Negligence - Establishing a policy for Field/Venue inspection.

- Case 4. Standard of Care - Establishing a policy regarding lightning safety in outdoor facilities/venues.
Small Group Initiatives

- Case 5: Foreseeability- Establishing a policy for crowd control.

- Case 6: Negligence- Establishing a policy for Athlete care, out-of-season or in-season, but during recreation.