16 NCAC 06E .0206 ATHLETIC TRAINERS

- (a) Each PSU shall designate for each participating high school within its jurisdiction either a licensed athletic trainer who is qualified pursuant to Chapter 90, Article 34 of the General Statutes or a first responder. These persons may be employed on a full-time or part-time basis or may serve as a volunteer.
- (b) If not a licensed athletic trainer, a first responder shall:
 - (1) Complete and maintain certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation as certified by an organization such as the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association;
 - (2) Complete and maintain certification in first aid as certified by an organization such as the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association;
 - (3) Complete and maintain training in concussion management as offered by an organization such as the National Federation of State High School Associations ("NFHS");
 - (4) Complete and maintain continuing education in injury prevention and management as offered by an organization such as the NFHS; and
 - (5) Complete 10 hours total of staff development each school year specific to first aid and injury recognition and prevention. The 10 hours may include hours necessary for recertifications or renewals.
- (c) The licensed athletic trainer or first responder shall not have concurrent coaching responsibilities during the time in which the person is working as a licensed athletic trainer or first responder.
- (d) A licensed athletic trainer or first responder shall attend all football practices and games, unless excused by the local superintendent due to emergency.
- (e) Each PSU shall monitor the school athletic trainer's or first responder's compliance with this Rule.

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