The following is a summary of the athletic department medical policies and procedures for student-athletes attending Wichita State University. We hope that this will help to answer some of your questions concerning the health care that will be provided for your son or daughter and the financial responsibility of the athletics department, the student-athletes and their parents or guardians.

**PRE-SEASON PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS**

1. All student-athletes must undergo a complete physical examination each year prior to participation or practice with any athletic team. The examination will be given by the team physician at a site and date determined by the athletic training staff after consultation with the head coach.

2. Any student who desires to participate in any sport, who does not undergo the physical examination by the athletic department during the first week of class will be scheduled for a physical with the WSU team physicians at the physician’s next regularly scheduled visit. This physical examination must be completed before permission to participate in any physical activity is granted.

**PREVIOUS INJURY OR ILLNESS**

1. If any medical defect or illness is discovered, the student-athlete will **NOT** be permitted to play or practice until cleared by the team physicians. The team physicians will have the final say in determining if a student-athlete is physically fit to participate in athletics at Wichita State University.

2. The athletic department will **NOT** pay the cost to repair any previous injury incurred prior to reporting for any athletic program on the date set by the head coach. This includes congenital defects. All medical tests ordered by the team physicians to determine a student-athlete's playing status after the initial physical examination will be the financial responsibility of the student-athlete and his/her parents or guardians.

**PAYMENT OF MEDICAL EXPENSES - WSU AND PARENTS OR GUARDIANS**

1. The athletic department has a secondary medical insurance policy that will cover the cost of treatment for all athletic injuries incurred in official practices, scrimmages, conditioning, weight training, or scheduled contests provided the injury was reported to the athletic training staff in a timely manner.

2. All athletic injuries must be reported to the athletic training staff immediately. This includes dental injuries to sound teeth, bridges, partial plates, and plates.

3. The athletic department can only pay for dental injuries incurred during supervised practices, scrimmages, conditioning, weight training, or scheduled athletic contests. The ICAA will **NOT** pay for normal dental work such as dental cavities, crowns to repair decayed teeth or any orthodontic work. It is the responsibility of the student-athlete and his/her parents or guardians to pay for these expenses.

4. The athletic department will **NOT** pay for any general medical conditions. Furthermore, the athletic department will **NOT** pay for vitamins, minerals, supplements, prescription medications or any other over the counter medications not carried by athletic training services. The athletic department will **NOT** pay for medications related to pre-existing medical or orthopedic conditions (i.e., inhalers, NSAID’s, etc.). The athletic department will **NOT** pay for custom orthotics. Any charges related to the above mentioned items will be the responsibility of the student-athlete and his/her parents or guardians.

5. WSU’s medical insurance is an excessive coverage insurance policy that requires WSU to file all claims with the parent's medical insurance first and then WSU’s policy will cover all expenses not covered by the parent's insurance. It is very important that you notify the athletic training staff of any medical expenses that your company has paid or rejected. Please send a copy of your summary of benefits form to the "Athletic Trainer" as soon as you receive a payment or rejection notice. This will help to expedite the payment process. WSU will process all prescription medicines through the parent's insurance company. WSU will pay the “co-pay” for prescriptions for athletic injuries only. Parents must pay "co-pay" and/or
prescription costs for non-athletic injuries (i.e., illness or injuries occurring outside of practice/competition).

6. All student-athletes who wear hard or soft contact lenses must register them with the athletic training staff prior to the athletic department accepting any responsibility for lost or damaged contact lenses. All damaged or lost contact lenses must be reported to the team athletic trainer. The athletic department will only pay for disposable contact lenses while the student is enrolled as a full-time student. **Please send a copy of your son’s or daughter’s prescription with these forms.**

7. Second Medical Opinions – The athletic department will **NOT** be financially responsible for any “second opinions”. If the medical procedure is not capable of being performed in the city of Wichita, an exception may be granted. Furthermore, the athletic department will **NOT** be financially responsible for any medical procedures that are not recommended by our team physicians.

8. Post-Participation Insurance Coverage - Wichita State University realizes that certain injuries that are the direct result of intercollegiate athletic participation may require additional medical attention after a student-athlete has exhausted his or her eligibility or discontinues participation in athletics at Wichita State University. Therefore, secondary coverage is provided for sixty days after the date of a student-athlete's last competition or departure from a team. Therefore, any medical bills dated after the sixty day window become the responsibility of the student-athlete. This coverage is dependent upon documentation of injury, reasonable adherence to medical advice during rehabilitation and no further evidence of post-competition re-injury. Each case will be individually reviewed for strict adherence to these guidelines.

9. If at any point a student-athlete makes his or herself ineligible by signing with an agent, signing a professional contract, or by any other means makes themselves ineligible for intercollegiate athletics, then you waive your right to medical coverage at that time.

10. The athletic department is only financially responsible for a maximum of two off campus rehabilitation visits or consultations per student-athlete per covered medical condition as determined by the head athletic trainer.

11. Student-athletes who do not follow the recommendations of the designated athletic department attending physician and/or athletic trainer for treatment of injuries (such as rest and/or rehabilitation) during the summer months or any other time when school is not in session, will no longer be the financial responsibility of the athletic department.

12. The athletic department is **NOT** financially responsible for injuries incurred by non-roster, walk-on student-athlete’s who are trying out for an athletic department team until the head coach designates them as a permanent roster member.

**CLEARANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS**

Student-athletes will be cleared to participate in all practices, weight training, conditioning, or athletic contests when they have passed their physical examination by the team physician and they have the following forms on file in the athletic training staff’s office.

1. Completion of the Student-Athletes Information Form signed by the policyholder.
2. Copy of medical, prescription, and dental insurance cards.
3. Medical History Questionnaire
4. Proof of immunizations for tetanus/diphtheria, measles, mumps, rubella, and Tuberculin prior to participation. Meningitis and Hepatitis B are recommended.
5. Proof of sickle cell hemoglobin electrophoresis testing, with results that have been interpreted by a qualified member of the WSU-ICAA medical staff.
6. Policy Acknowledgement Form signed and dated by the student-athlete and/or parent or guardian, with student-athlete’s initials next to the name of each policy stating they have read, understand, and agrees to each policy.

If you should have any questions concerning the athletic department medical policies and procedures listed above, please feel free to contact the athletic department for further information.