

THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA at MONROE
DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS
ATHLETIC MEDICAL POLICY

The ULM Athletic Training Staff, under the supervision of Head Athletic Trainer, Mr. Phillip A. Shaw, is responsible for the prevention, evaluation, treatment and rehabilitation of all injuries and illnesses to the student-athletes involved in the intercollegiate athletic program. The Athletic Training Staff reports directly to Director of Athletics, Mr. Bobby Staub; University Physician, Dr. David Yarbrough; and Team Physician, Dr. David Trettin.

Communication between the university physician, team physician, athletic training staff, coach and injured student-athlete is essential to providing competent care. The athletic training staff is responsible for initial assessment of all injuries and illnesses. The Head Athletic Trainer is delegated the responsibility for authorizing referral to any healthcare provider. A student-athlete is **NOT** to be referred to a physician, hospital, physical therapist, dentist or any other healthcare provider without consultation and approval of the Head Athletic Trainer. **If the student-athlete consults with an outside healthcare provider without prior approval he/she accepts responsibility for all related charges and releases ULM from financial liability.** The student-athlete must also present a detailed written release from the attending physician before he/she may resume participation in their sport.

All participants in the ULM Intercollegiate Athletic Program must submit a health report record, along with their admission applications to ULM, and have the report on file at the University Infirmary. This is a University requirement for all students. Student-athletes will receive yearly health and physical exams by the team physicians and athletic training staff before the beginning of practice. Student-athletes with a history of a previous injury or illness must report such information to the physician or athletic trainers at the time of examination. The student-athlete's failure to report such conditions relieves the University of all financial and civil liabilities in the event of re-injury.

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

ULM carries "excess or secondary" medical insurance on its student-athletes. **ULM will pay medical benefits only after taking into consideration those amounts payable under a parent's employment group benefit program or family insurance program.** The University does not have the option of waiving this provision. If the student-athlete does not have medical insurance coverage, the University's policy becomes the primary coverage for athletic related injuries. The healthcare provider will file any insurance claims for the student-athlete. The University will pay any deductible or portions of the bill that the student-athlete's insurance does not cover related to athletic related injuries.

A medical authorization and insurance information form will be provided for the student-athlete's parents to complete. This form should be returned to the Head Athletic Trainer for filing. **NO STUDENT-ATHLETE WILL BE ALLOWED TO PRACTICE OR PARTICIPATE UNTIL THIS FORM IS RETURNED AND ON FILE.**

ULM will only be financially responsible for injuries and/or illness that occur as a **direct result** of the student-athlete's participation in his/her sport. This is a NCAA regulation and can not be waived. Prescriptions for medicines ordered by the team and university physician are to be filled only after checking with the Head Athletic Trainer. All prescriptions should be brought to the Athletic Training Room for authorization.

I hereby state by signature that I have read and fully understand the ULM Athletic Medical Policy.

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Date _____