UWA Emergency Action Plan

Cross Country Emergency Procedure (Anywhere on campus)

1. When an injury occurs, the attending athletic trainer should approach the athlete to evaluate the injury. If the injury is life threatening the athletic trainer or student should have either the coach or another teammate go to the nearest phone (undetermined at this time, due to daily changes in practice areas) or use an onsite cellular phone and activate the local EMS service and inform them of the emergency. Also, call the campus police and have them inform the head athletic trainer or one of the senior staff athletic trainers of the injury. He/she should then report back to the attending athletic trainer.

2. While someone is enacting the EMS system the attending athletic trainer should do a primary survey and check the level of consciousness, if possible, or if the case of a head or spinal injury hold c-spine and wait. After enacting the EMS system and reporting to the attending athletic trainer, he/she should be instructed to help the attending athletic trainer by going and clearing a path to the injured athlete and directing EMS personnel to the scene. (There cannot be an established EMS route due to practice not restricted to one location)

3. The attending athletic trainer must be aware that the athlete could go into shock at any time after an injury, so it is very important that the athletic trainer be able to recognize the early signs of shock and be able to manage it. The athlete should not be moved unless absolutely necessary.

4. When the ambulance arrives at the field and the EMT's approach the athlete, the attending athletic trainer should give them all of the information gathered such as, the mechanism of injury, vital signs, time of injury, and progressing level of consciousness. When the ambulance is preparing to leave the athletic trainer should have a copy of the athlete's insurance and brief medical outline to leave with the EMT’s. The attending athletic trainer should make sure they find out where the athlete is being taken. Once the ambulance has left, the attending student should relay the information to one of the senior staff athletic trainers.

Location of all phones

Phones for emergency actions are available for the following sports at the following locations in the event that an onsite cellular phone is not accessible:

1. If a cellular phone is available it can be used at any location on campus to enact the EMS by dialing 911

2. UWA Cross Country Clubhouse: There is no phone located in the cross country coach’s office. The nearest available land line is located at Tartt Baseball Field (see above #6) or at the Lake LU manager’s office.
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EMS Access & Route to the UWA Cross Country Clubhouse