

Neutral Site Playoffs: Medical/Athletic Trainer Coverage Guidelines for NEPSAC

Optimally both schools would send their own athletic training staff when possible. Teams advancing into the playoffs are best cared for by the athletic training staff which knows them best. It is strongly encouraged that ATCs and their AD's work together to support their teams; However when a higher seed school cannot provide athletic training school it falls upon the lower seed to provide coverage. Assume lower seed school athletic trainer is responsible of coverage of competition.

Lower seed school should make contact with the neutral site and opposing school medical staff and/or athletic director to arrange the following:

- Coverage of event by athletic trainer from at least one of the schools, preferable both in the sports of football and hockey. If this is not possible, every effort should be made to secure athletic trainer coverage (per diem, etc.) by the lower seed school, prior to approaching the neutral site school requesting coverage by their medical staff. If the neutral site medical staff is used, they should be compensated at the area market rate for per diem coverage. Athletic Directors should be kept informed
- Emergency Action Plan for the neutral site is obtained, including directions or street addresses of area hospitals.
- What additional Medical staff needed, is a physician or stand by EMS Ambulance needed at the site.
- Other equipment needed to bring to the site and what can be obtained from the neutral site. For example, water, ice,, splints, etc. The assumption should be everything should be brought, including taping supplies.
- Communication is key between all involved schools medical staffs and to ensure a safe and smooth competition for all involved and if there is a medical issue, the care and associated equipment is available for the best possible outcome.
- A confirmation to an opposing team's AD or ATC should be given 48 hours before the event is held.