



NEPSAC Sports Medicine Advisory Committee

SMAC Mission Statement: Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) promotes safe participation in sports and all aspects of health and wellness. The SMAC shall advise NEPSAC concerning sports medicine issues as they relate to rules writing, as well as other programs of NEPSAC. It will provide guidance and direction to NEPSAC and its membership relative to current sports medicine issues. This committee will collaborate with NEPSAC to educate its constituency concerning sports medicine and safety issues of general concern to the NEPSAC membership.

Goals:

- Work cooperatively and maintain liaison with other key medical and health organizations that can assist the committee in its work.
- Work cooperatively with NEPSAC to address sports medicine issues as they relate to rules and the health and safety of its participants to minimize risk.
- Collaborate with NEPSAC to educate its membership on appropriate health care, injury prevention and safe participation.

Structure of committee

Membership: SMAC will comprise health care professionals that serve independent schools. Proportional representation for each district and representation that is inclusive of all of our member school populations is a goal of the SMAC. There will be nine athletic trainers on the SMAC and they will be distributed as follows:

- D1/D2: two athletic trainers
- D3: three athletic trainers
- D4: three athletic trainers; one middle school athletic trainer from any district.
- The remainder of the committee will comprise two school affiliated health care providers; with at least one being a medical doctor and there will be no expectation that they are from any particular district.

All of the SMAC members must hold appropriate state licensure and be in good standing with their accrediting board.

The Committee will also maintain a list of consulting physicians from various fields, including but not limited to: Neurology, Orthopedics, Dental, Nutrition, Sports Psychology, and Adolescent medicine.

Terms: All members will serve a 3 year term, renewable with a two-term consecutive limit. An at-large position may be appointed with the terms set by the Chair should a vacancy open and a suitable replacement from a district not come forward in a timely manner. Terms and positions will change-over at the January meetings.

Structure: The SMAC shall elect a person from its membership to serve as the Chair and one to serve as the Vice-Chair. The Vice-Chair shall serve as a secretary during SMAC meetings. The terms of these positions shall be 3 years nonrenewable with Vice Chair rolling up to Chair. The terms of the Chair and Vice-Chair may extend a member on the committee beyond the 6 year consecutive total.

Appointments will be made by announcing to NEPSAC when an SMAC seat opens. From the district opening, or any district for a medical professional or middle school seat, eligible applicants will submit a letter of request to serve and the SMAC committee will appoint a new member to the seat.

Meetings:

- The Committee will meet four times a year, or more as needed.
- The NEPSAC Executive Council First Vice President will attend the SMAC meetings as the liaison to the EC.
- The District Members shall attend the District meetings to represent the SMAC.