Injury Protocol: Practice

Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC) present at practice:
- The athletic trainer is in control of the situation.
- Players and coaches should go to the bench area once medical assistance arrives and stay there unless their assistance is requested.
- Players and unauthorized personnel should be kept a significant distance away from a seriously injured player.
- Players should not try to assist a teammate who is lying on the field.
- Once the athletic trainer or other medical personnel start working on the injured student-athlete, they should be allowed to perform services without interruption or interference.
- Coaches should assist the athletic trainer as needed by and requested by the athletic trainer.
- The athletic trainer has the unchallengeable authority to determine if the student-athlete can return to activity.
- If the student-athlete does not want to continue with practice due to their injury they will not return.

No Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC) present at practice:
- The Strength and Conditioning Coach or sport Coach with most experience handling injuries or whomever is First Aid/CPR/AED certified is in control.
- The individual in control is to assess the situation and determine course of action.
  - Initiate Emergency Action Plan if needed.
  - If Athletic Trainer is not available to respond to location:
    - Can the student-athlete safely get to the Athletic Training Room?
    - If the student-athlete cannot safely make it to the Athletic Training Room, send someone to get an ATC or call the ATC.
- Provide First Aid, if needed, until help arrives.
- The Athletic Trainer or Team Physician will determine when the student-athlete can return to practice.