**Injury Protocol: Away Game**

GW’s or the Host Institution’s Certified Athletic Trainer will be present:

- Unless a physician is present, the Athletic Trainer supervises the treatment given to an injured student-athlete. If a physician is present, the physician is in charge of assisting the injured student-athlete.
- 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 assisting the injured student-athlete, they should be allowed to perform services without interruption or interference.
- Coaches should be prepared to assist the Athletic Trainer if necessary.
- Both the Athletic Trainer and Team Physician(s) have the unchallengeable authority to determine if the student-athlete can return to activity.
- Even if the injured student-athlete is cleared to return to competition by the established authority (certified athletic trainer and/or physician), the student-athlete can still decline to return.