Dear Parents/Guardians of University of St. Francis Athletes,

Parkview is excited to provide you with medical care for the upcoming year of USF athletics. We look forward to getting to know each student-athlete and providing them with the best possible care.

Parkview Sports Medicine (PSM) which includes the specialties of Orthopaedics NorthEast (ONE), Athletes with Purpose (AWP), Parkview Athletic Rehab (PAR) and Parkview Ortho Hospital will be providing comprehensive orthopedic coverage and care for the student-athletes. There is also a sports nutritionist/dietitian for consultation on any and all nutritional questions and concerns. A physical therapist will be on campus to work closely with the athlete and athletic trainer to return an athlete to play as soon as possible. The team physician will be on campus weekly as well as periodic visits from the team surgeon. Student-athletes will also have access to sports performance enhancement through AWP. All medical care will be coordinated through the Sports Medicine staff for best possible care of the student-athlete.

If your student-athlete has any injuries during their career at USF, they should inform an athletic trainer immediately. This allows the sports medicine staff to properly care for and treat the injured athlete. Our staff will work closely with the coaches and student-athletes in preventative strategies. If an injury occurs that requires evaluation by an orthopedic physician, we will make a priority appointment for your student-athlete at ONE. All physician visits, diagnostics, treatment and rehabilitation not able to be performed at USF will be billed to the student-athlete’s primary insurance first, followed by the university’s secondary insurance only if the injury occurred during official practices and games. In some circumstances, a bill for medical services may be forwarded to you from various providers for which you may have some financial responsibilities. If you receive any bill, please forward it to the USF Sports Medicine Staff as soon as possible. This allows us to give you directions on how it should be handled according to USF procedures. Ultimately, payment for all medical bills is the responsibility of the student-athlete, so please make sure you communicate with us regarding any bills you receive. If you have any questions regarding medical tests, visits, procedures, or your financial responsibilities, please feel free to contact us. The school’s secondary athletic insurance company can also reimburse you for the cost of prescriptions due to an injury in USF athletics.

The NAIA does not permit USF or any of its other institutions to pay medical expenses related to “illnesses”, “conditions”, or injuries which were not sustained as the direct result of an accident in USF intercollegiate sports program. All treatments will be performed in one of USF’s athletic training rooms or at a Parkview facility as needed.

If your child uses a rescue inhaler, please see that they turn one in to their athletic trainer. In the event that they need it, we will have it available.

There are 4 pieces of information that MUST be completed and received by the Sports Medicine Staff before the student-athlete is allowed to participate in USF athletics.

1. The USF Physical form can be downloaded from the Athletic Training page of the USF Athletics Website. Please be sure to fill out the entire form and sign it on the back. A physician must complete a portion of the form.
2. **All athletes must be covered under a primary insurance policy.** We need a copy of the card(s) for proof of insurance. If your student-athlete is not covered under a primary insurance, an accident policy can be purchased from the same company that provides our secondary insurance or you can purchase a medical policy on your own. The accident policy only covers injuries incurred during USF athletics and is not the same as a medical insurance policy. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Application forms can be picked up from any athletic trainer.

3. Please download and submit the **Consent to treat and Medical Information Form.** This gives us and other medical professionals permission to treat an injury to your student-athlete if they are unable to communicate with us. That form also allows Parkview Sports Medicine to use media featuring your student-athlete.

4. Lastly, you will also notice informational brochures on the webpage regarding **Concussions and Sudden Cardiac Arrest as well as a short video about concussions.** Please read these brochures and watch the video, then share them with your student-athlete for his/her signature on the acknowledgement form. The **Concussion and Sudden Cardiac Arrest Acknowledgement form must be submitted according to Indiana State Law.**

All paperwork should be submitted by August 1, or your first practice, whichever comes first.

We hope your student-athlete has a healthy and successful season!

Go Cougars!

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