Sacred Heart Prep Receives National Athletic Trainers’ Association Safe Sports School Award

Sacred Heart Schools is the recipient of the National Athletic Trainers’ Association Safe Sports School award for its Prep athletics program. The award champions safety and recognizes secondary schools that provide safe environments and provide the best level of care for student athletes.

“This award recognizes the contributions and commitment of schools across the country that are implementing safe sports policies and best practices to ensure athletes can do what they love best and have the appropriate care in place to prevent, manage and treat injuries should they occur.” NATA President Scott Sailor, EdD, ATC.

In order to achieve Safe Sport School status, as Sacred Heart Prep did, athletic programs must do the following:

- Create a positive athletic health care administrative system
- Provide or coordinate pre-participation physical examinations
- Promote safe and appropriate practice and competition facilities
- Plan for selection, fit function and proper maintenance of athletic equipment
- Provide a permanent, appropriately equipped area to evaluate and treat injured athletes
- Develop injury and illness prevention strategies, including protocols for environmental conditions
- Provide or facilitate injury intervention
- Create and rehearse a venue-specific Emergency Action Plan
- Provide or facilitate psychosocial consultation and nutritional counseling/education
- Be sure athletes and parents are educated of the potential benefits and risks in sports as well as their responsibilities

For more information please visit: [www.athletictrainers.org](http://www.athletictrainers.org).

About NATA: National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA) – Health Care for Life & Sport

Athletic trainers are health care professionals who specialize in the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of injuries and sport-related illnesses. They prevent and treat chronic musculoskeletal injuries from sports, physical and occupational activity, and provide immediate care for acute injuries. Athletic trainers offer a continuum of care that is unparalleled in health care. The National Athletic Trainers’ Association represents and supports 39,000 members of the athletic training profession. Visit [www.nata.org](http://www.nata.org).

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