

Illinois Athletic Trainers' Association, Inc.

Position Statement on Coaching Certification

The Illinois Athletic Trainers Association, Inc. (IATA) is dedicated to furthering the cause of appropriate, timely sports injury care for all athletes in the state of Illinois. We feel that first and foremost all high schools in the state should have at least one Certified/Licensed Athletic Trainer (ATC) on staff. In addition, since the ATC cannot possibly be at the scene of every injury which may occur, each coach must be prepared to provide immediate emergency sport first aid to any injury which may occur. The following is considered by the IATA to be the minimal level of training:

- Current certification in American Red Cross Standard First Aid (or equivalent).
- Current certification in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (American Red Cross or American Heart Association standards).
- Successful completion of a Sport First Aid or equivalent course taught by an NATA Certified Athletic Trainer.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Illinois Athletic Trainers' Association, Inc., this eighth day of December, 1991.