

STUDENT INJURIES AT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC EVENTS
REGULATIONS

If a student who is participating for the Berlin Central School District in an interscholastic athletic event is injured or otherwise incapacitated while a participant, the following rules shall apply. If a physician is present at the event and available to minister to the participant's first aid needs, or to make a medically informed determination of the student's need to be transported to a health care facility, or of the student's ability to be so transported, then all responsibilities described below shall be that physician's.

I. First Aid

The administration of first aid to any student participant in an interscholastic athletic event shall be the responsibility of the coach of that activity.

II. Transporting an Injured or Otherwise Incapacitated Athlete

A. It shall be the responsibility of the coach of an athletic activity to determine:

1. the nature of the student's injury or incapacitation; and
2. the first aid treatment that is likely to be necessary.

B. It shall be the responsibility of the Director of Athletics, if present at the event, to determine whether an ambulance is required in order to transport the student, or whether another vehicle can be used instead. In the absence of the Director of Athletics, it shall be responsibility of the coach of the activity to make such a determination.

C. If an ambulance is determined to be required to transport the student, then the Director of Athletics or, in her/his absence, the coach of the activity shall contact the student's parent or guardian to advise that person of what has taken place and of the course of action that is being followed. If the student's parent or guardian is unavailable at the time the student is transported, then a responsible employee of the District shall accompany the student to the hospital or other health care facility to which that student is being taken.

D. If, in the judgment of the party charged with making the determination, the student's injury or incapacitation does not require the use an ambulance, then the Athletic Director or, in her/his absence, the coach of the activity shall promptly contact the student's parent or guardian to determine if that person prefers to take the student to the hospital or other health care facility him/herself, or desires instead that an employee of the District do so. The parent's wishes in this matter shall be complied with to the extent feasible under the circumstances.