Whitman College Athletics

Emergency Action Plan
Emergency Contacts:

Community:

- Emergency Services: 9-1-1
- Local police: (509) 527-4434
- Local fire: (509) -
- St. Mary’s Hospital: (509) 525-3320
- Walla Walla Hospital: (509) 525-0480

Whitman:

- Campus security: (509) 527-5777
- Dean Snider Athletics Director: (509) 301-8501
- Michelle Ferenz Associate Athletics Director: (509) 301-8510
- Skip Molitor Assistant Athletics Director: (509) 301-8505
- Scott Shields Assistant Athletics Director: (509) 200-0142
- John Eckel Head Athletic Trainer: (509) 540-5010
- Nathan Fry Assistant Athletic Trainer: (509) 386-2916
- Athletic Training Room: (509) 527-5258
- Student Health Center: (509) 527-5281
- Counseling Center: (509) 527-5195
WHITMAN COLLEGE EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

Introduction
Emergency situations may arise at anytime during athletic events. Expedient action must be taken in order to provide the best possible care to the athletes of emergency and/or life threatening conditions. The development and implementation of an emergency plan will help ensure that the best care will be provided.

Athletic organizations have a duty to develop an emergency plan that may be implemented immediately when necessary and to provide appropriate standards of health care to all sports participants. As athletic injuries may occur at any time and during any activity, the sports medicine team must be prepared. This preparation involves the formulation of an emergency plan, proper coverage of events, maintenance of appropriate emergency equipment and supplies, utilization of appropriate emergency medical personnel, and continuing education in the area of emergency medicine. Hopefully, through careful pre-participation physical screenings, adequate medical coverage, safe practice and training techniques and other safety avenues, some potential emergencies may be averted. However, accidents and injuries are inherent with sports participation, and proper preparation on the part of the sports medicine team will enable each emergency situation to be managed properly.

Components of the Emergency Plan
1. Emergency personnel
2. Emergency communication
3. Emergency equipment

Emergency Plan Personnel
During varsity athletic practices and competitions, the first responder to an emergency situation is typically a member of the sports medicine staff, most commonly an athletic training student aide or Certified Athletic Trainer. A Certified Athletic Trainer may not always be present at every organized practice. They will, however, be present at the majority of home varsity competitions. In the sports of tennis, swimming, and golf the Certified Athletic Trainer is on call for competition dates. The type and degree of sports medicine coverage for an athletic event may vary widely, based on such factors as the sport or activity, the setting, and the type of training or competition. The first responder in some instances may be a coach or other institutional personnel. Certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid is required for all athletics personnel associated with practices, competitions, skills instruction, and strength and conditioning.

The development of an emergency plan cannot be complete without the formation of an emergency team. The emergency team may consist of a number of healthcare providers including physicians; emergency medical technicians; Certified Athletic Trainers; athletic training student aides; coaches; managers; and possibly, bystanders. Roles of these individuals within the emergency team may vary depending on various factors such as the number of members of the team, the athletic venue itself, or other extenuating circumstances. There are four basic roles within the emergency team. The first and most important role is immediate care of the athlete or person involved. The most qualified individual on the scene should provide acute care in an emergency situation. Individuals with lower credentials
should yield to those with more appropriate training. The second role, equipment retrieval, may be done by anyone on the emergency team who is familiar with the types and location of the specific equipment needed. Athletic training student aides, managers, and coaches are good choices for this role. The third role, EMS activation, may be necessary in situations where emergency transportation is not already present at the sporting event. This should be done as soon as the situation is deemed an emergency or a life-threatening situation. Time is the most critical factor under emergency conditions. Activating the EMS system may be done by anyone on the team, however, the person chosen for this duty should be someone who is calm under pressure and who communicates well over the telephone. This person should also be familiar with the location and address of the sporting event. After EMS has been activated the fourth role in the emergency team should be an individual who is responsible for meeting emergency medical personnel as they arrive at the site of the contest. Depending on the ease of access, this person should have keys to any locked gates or doors that may slow the arrival of medical personnel. An athletic training student aide, manager, or coach may be appropriate for this role.

**Roles within the Emergency Team**

1. Immediate care of the victim
2. Emergency equipment retrieval
3. Activation of the Emergency Medical System
4. Direction of EMS to the scene

**Activating the EMS System**

Making the Call:
9-1-1 (from a cell phone, or campus phone)

Providing Information:
- name, location, telephone number of the caller
- number of people involved
- condition of victim(s)
- first aid treatment initiated by first responder
- specific directions as needed to locate the emergency scene
- other information as requested by dispatcher

When forming the emergency team, it is important to adapt the team to each situation or sport. It may be advantageous to have more than one individual assigned to each role. This allows the emergency team to function although certain members may not always be present.

**Emergency Communication**

Communication is the key to quick delivery of emergency care in athletic trauma situations. Athletic trainers and emergency medical personnel must work together to provide the best possible care to injured athletes. Communication prior to the event is a good way to establish boundaries and to build rapport between both groups of professionals. If emergency medical transportation is not available on site during a particular sporting event then direct communication with the emergency medical system at the time of injury or illness is necessary. Access to a working telephone or other telecommunications device, whether fixed
or mobile, should be assured. The communications system should be checked prior to each practice or competition to ensure proper working order. A back-up communications plan should be in effect should there be failure of the primary communication system. The most common method of communication is a public telephone. However, a cellular telephone is preferred if available. At any athletic venue, whether home or away, it is important to know the location of a workable telephone. Pre-arranged access to the telephone should be established if it is not easily accessible.

**Emergency Equipment**
All necessary emergency equipment should be at the site and quickly accessible. Personnel should be familiar with the function and operation of each type of emergency equipment. Equipment should be in good operating condition, and personnel must be trained in advance to use it properly. Emergency equipment should be checked on a regular basis and its use rehearsed by emergency personnel. The emergency equipment available should be appropriate for the level of training of the emergency medical providers.

It is important to know the proper way to care for and store equipment as well. Equipment should be stored in a clean and environmentally controlled area. It should be readily available when emergency situations arise.

**Transportation**
Ambulances are typically not on site for athletic competitions. Ambulances may be coordinated on site for other special events/sports, such as major tournaments or NWC/NCAA regional or championship events as needed. In the event of an ambulance evacuation there should be a cleared route for entering/exiting the venue.

In the emergency evaluation, the primary surveyor assists the emergency care provider in identifying emergencies requiring critical intervention and in determining transport decisions. In an emergency situation, the athlete should be transported by ambulance, where the necessary staff and equipment is available to deliver appropriate care. Emergency care providers should refrain from transporting unstable athletes in inappropriate vehicles. Care must be taken to ensure the activity areas remain supervised should the emergency care provider leave the site in transporting the athlete.

**Conclusion**
The importance of being properly prepared when athletic emergencies arise cannot be stressed enough. An injured or ill person’s survival may hinge on how well trained and prepared athletic healthcare providers are. It is prudent to invest athletic department "ownership" in the emergency plan by involving the athletic administration and sport coaches as well as sports medicine personnel. The emergency plan should be reviewed at least once a year with all athletic personnel, along with CPR and refresher training. Through development and implementation of the emergency plan, Whitman College helps ensure that athletes, spectators and officials will have the best care provided when an emergency situation does arise.
Emergency Plans for Specific Venues
EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN
SHERWOOD CENTER – GEORGE BALL GYMNASIUM

1. EMERGENCY PERSONNEL
   a. Certified Athletic Trainer on site or on call for all official games and practices.
   b. Additional sports medicine staff may be available in the Sherwood Center Athletic Training Room (Room 140).
   c. Other personnel may also include athletic training student aides, coaches, managers, emergency medical technicians, and possibly, bystanders.

2. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION
   a. Fixed telephone lines are available in the Athletic Training Room, Certified Athletic Trainers offices, and laundry desk in the hallway across from the varsity weight room.
   b. Cellular phones may also be used by emergency personnel if available.

3. EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT
   a. Supplies on the court:
      1. Med kit
      2. Ice & Water
      3. Towels
      4. Biohazard Kit & Blood Spill Equipment
      5. Additional emergency equipment (vacuum splints, crutches and AED) maintained in the Sherwood Center Athletic Training Room.
      6. Second AED is located at the Sherwood laundry desk.
1. **ROLE OF FIRST RESPONDERS**
   a. Immediate care for the injured or ill person(s).
   b. Emergency equipment retrieval.
   c. Activate emergency medical system (EMS); Call 9-1-1
      i. Provide name, location, and phone number.
      ii. Number of individuals involved.
      iii. Condition of the victim(s).
      iv. Care being given to the victim(s).
      v. Specific directions.
      vi. Other information as requested.
   d. Direct EMS to the scene. Ramp is located at the NW corner of the Sherwood building on Park St.
   e. Open ramp doors.
   f. Designate individual to meet EMS (at top of the ramp on Park Street) and direct them to the scene.
   g. Scene control: limit scene to first-aid providers and move bystanders away from area.

2. **LOCATION**
   The Sherwood Athletic Center is located on the corner of N. Park Street and Boyer Avenue. In an emergency situation the varsity gymnasium is most easily accessed via the ramp doors located on the northwest corner of the building. From Park Street the ramp is located on the Harper Joy Theater side of the building. The physical address is: Sherwood Center, 47 S. Park, Walla Walla, WA 99362.

   ![Map of Sherwood Athletic Center]

   **ADDITIONAL CONTACTS:**
   Eric Bridgeland: Men’s Basketball Coach: 509-301-2711
   Michelle Ferenz: Women’s Basketball Coach: 509-301-8510
   Jordan Paden: Game Management: 509-200-0955
EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN
SHERWOOD CENTER – AUXILIARY GYM

1. EMERGENCY PERSONNEL
   a. Certified Athletic Trainer on site or on call for all official games and practices.
   b. Other personnel may also include athletic training student aides, coaches, managers, emergency medical technicians, and possibly, bystanders.

2. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION
   a. Fixed telephone lines are available in the south east corner of the gym, at the climbing wall desk, at the laundry desk across from the varsity weight room, in the Athletic Training Room and in the Certified Athletic Trainers offices.
   b. Cellular phones may also be used by emergency personnel if available.

3. EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT (games and practice only)
   a. Supplies on the court:
      i. Med kit
      ii. Ice & Water
      iii. Towels
      iv. Biohazard Kit & Blood Spill Equipment
      v. Additional emergency equipment (vacuum splints, crutches and AED) maintained in the Sherwood Center Athletic Training Room.
      vi. Second AED is located at the Sherwood laundry desk.

4. ROLE OF FIRST RESPONDERS
   a. Immediate care for the injured or ill person(s).
   b. Emergency equipment retrieval.
   c. Activate emergency medical system (EMS); Call 9-1-1
      i. Provide name, location, and phone number.
      ii. Number of individuals involved.
      iii. Condition of the victim(s).
iv. Care being given to the victim(s).
v. Specific directions.
vi. Other information as requested.
d. Direct EMS to the scene. (Ramp on the NW corner of Sherwood, on Park St)
e. Designate an individual to meet EMS (at the top of the ramp on Park) and direct them to the scene.
f. Scene control: limit scene to first-aid providers and move bystanders away from area.

5. LOCATION
The Sherwood Athletic Center is located on the corner of N. Park Street and Boyer Avenue. An emergency situation in the auxiliary gymnasium is most easily accessed via the ramp doors located on the northwest corner of the building. From Park Street the ramp is located on the Harper Joy Theater side of the building. The physical address is: Sherwood Center, 47 S. Park, Walla Walla, WA 99362.
EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN
BAKER FERGUSON FITNESS CENTER / LOUISE & PAUL HARVEY
POOL

1. EMERGENCY PERSONNEL
   a. Athletic training student aide present for all meets. Certified Athletic Trainers
      available during practices and meets.
   b. Other personnel may also include lifeguards, athletic training student aides,
      coaches, managers, emergency medical technicians, and possibly, bystanders.

2. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION
   a. Fixed telephone lines are available in the lifeguard room at the west end of the
      pool, and at the fitness center desk.
   b. Cellular phones may also be used by emergency personnel if available.

3. EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT (swim meets and practice only)
   a. Supplies in the lifeguard room:
      i. Med kit
      ii. Ice & Water
      iii. Biohazard Kit & Blood Spill Equipment
      iv. Additional emergency equipment (vacuum splints, crutches)
          maintained in the Sherwood Center Athletic Training Room.
   v. AED is located at the Baker Ferguson Fitness Center desk, or by
      calling security, x5777.

4. ROLE OF FIRST RESPONDERS
   a. Immediate care for the injured or ill person(s).
   b. Emergency equipment retrieval.
   c. Activate emergency medical system (EMS); Call 9-1-1
      i. Provide name, location, and phone number.
      ii. Number of individuals involved.
      iii. Condition of the victim(s).
iv. Care being given to the victim(s).
v. Specific directions.
vi. Other information as requested.
d. Direct EMS to the scene:
   For the Pool: Parking lot behind the pool off of Main St.
   For the Fitness Center: Main doors in front of BFFC on N. Park St.
e. Designate individual to meet EMS and direct them to the scene.
f. Scene control: limit scene to first-aid providers and move bystanders away from the area.

5. LOCATION
Baker Ferguson Fitness Center / Paul Harvey Pool are located on the corner of N.
Park Street and Main Street. In an emergency situation for the fitness center the best
access is through the main doors in the front of the building on Park Street. If the
emergency is in the pool, the best access is through the doors in the parking lot
behind the pool, off of Main Street. Call campus security if using these doors (x5777
or 527-5777) to turn off the alarm. The physical address is: 10 S. Park St., Walla
Walla, WA 99362.

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS:
Baker Ferguson Fitness Center Desk: (509) 526-4729
Michele Hanford  Fitness Center Director: (509) 527-5552
Jennifer Blomme  Pool Director and Swimming Coach: (509) 301-8504
1. EMERGENCY PERSONNEL
   a. Certified Athletic Trainer on site for all games. Certified Athletic Trainer or
      athletic training student aide at most practices.
   b. Additional sports medicine staff accessible in the Sherwood Center Athletic
      Training Room, 47 S. Park Street, 527-5258
   c. Other personnel may also include athletic training student aides, coaches,
      managers, emergency medical technicians, and possibly, bystanders.

2. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION
   a. A fixed telephone line is available in the groundskeeper’s office in the
      southwest corner of the stadium.
   b. Cellular phones may also be used by emergency personnel if available.

3. EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT
   a. Supplies at the stadium:
      i. Med kit.
      ii. Ice & Water
      iii. Towels
      iv. Biohazard Kit & Blood Spill Equipment
      v. Additional emergency equipment (vacuum splints, and crutches)
         maintained in the shed behind the third baseline bleachers.
      vi. AED is brought to practices and games

4. ROLE OF FIRST RESPONDERS
   a. Immediate care for the injured or ill person(s).
   b. Emergency equipment retrieval.
   c. Activate emergency medical system (EMS); Call 9-1-1
      vii. Provide name, address, and phone number.
      viii. Number of individuals involved.
      ix. Condition of the victim(s).
      x. Care being given to the victim(s).
      xi. Specific directions.
      xii. Other information as requested.
d. Direct EMS to the scene.
e. Make sure gate on the west side of the stadium and right field fence are open (top of the ramp, adjacent to the concession and restroom building) – groundskeepers (Tim Duncan or Brian Richard) have keys.
f. Designate individual to meet EMS (in the parking lot at the south end of the stadium). Direct the ambulance along the road adjacent to Martin Track (Par 72 Drive) and up the ramp at the west side of the stadium.
g. Scene control: limit scene to first-aid providers and move bystanders away from the area.

5. LOCATION
The Borleske Baseball Stadium is located at the end of Rees Avenue and Highway 12. Emergency personnel should come through the parking lot at the Memorial Pool and Martin Track complexes and continue along Par 72 Avenue. The physical address of Borleske Stadium is: 409 E. Rees Avenue, Walla Walla, WA 99362

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS:
Sean Kinney: Head Baseball coach: (509) 306-1690
Johnny Hirko: Asst. Baseball coach: (541) 848-1940
Brian Kitamura: Asst. Baseball coach: (206) 890-8477
EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN
WHITMAN COLLEGE SOCCER COMPLEX

1. EMERGENCY PERSONNEL
   a. Certified Athletic Trainer on site for all games; Certified Athletic Trainer or athletic training student aides on site for most practices.
   b. Additional sports medicine staff accessible in the Sherwood Center Athletic Training Room, 47 S. Park Street, 527-5258.
   c. Other personnel may also include athletic training student aides, coaches, managers, emergency medical technicians, and possibly, bystanders.

2. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION
   a. A fixed telephone line is available in the storage and restroom facility on the west side of the game field. The line is located in the storage area.
   b. Cellular phones may also be used by emergency personnel if available.

3. EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT
   a. Supplies at the complex:
      xiii. Med kit.
      xiv. Ice & Water
      xv. Towels
      xvi. Biohazard Kit & Blood Spill Equipment
      xvii. Vacuum splints
      xviii. Crutches
     xix. AED is brought to all events

4. ROLE OF FIRST RESPONDERS
   a. Immediate care for the injured or ill person(s).
   b. Emergency equipment retrieval.
   c. Activate emergency medical system (EMS); Call 9-1-1
      i. Provide name, address, and phone number.
ii. Number of individuals involved.
iii. Condition of the victim(s).
iv. Care being given to the victim(s).
v. Specific directions.
vi. Other information as requested.
d. Direct EMS to the scene.
e. Make sure gate at the top of the parking lot (south end) is unlocked. Head coaches and Certified Athletic Trainers will have keys to this gate. Clear a path through the parking lot and spectators at the southwest corner of the field to allow the ambulance to drive on to the field.
f. Designate an individual to meet EMS (at the top of the driveway on Sumach Street). Direct the ambulance down the ramp and to the game field.
g. Scene control: limit scene to first-aid providers and move bystanders away from area.

5. LOCATION
The Whitman College Soccer Complex is located on the north side of the intersection of Penrose and Sumach Avenues. Emergency personnel should come down the driveway at the north end of Penrose. The game field is located on the right, two practice fields to the left. The physical address of the Soccer Complex is: 959 E. Sumach Avenue, Walla Walla, WA 99362

![Map of Soccer Complex](image)

Additional Contacts:
Mike Washington: Men’s Soccer Coach (509) 200-2360
Heather Cato: Women’s Soccer Coach (509) 200-0142
Larry Malott: Head Groundskeeper (541) 938-4386
1. **EMERGENCY PERSONNEL**
   a. Athletic training student aide on site for all matches
   b. Certified Athletic Trainer on call for all practices and matches.
   c. Additional sports medicine staff accessible in the Sherwood Center Athletic Training Room, 47 S. Park Avenue.
   d. Other personnel may also include athletic training student aides, coaches, managers, emergency medical technicians, and possibly, bystanders.

2. **EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION**
   a. Fixed telephone lines are available in the basement (courtside) and Bratton Center office (balcony).
   b. Cellular phones may also be used by emergency personnel if available.

3. **EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT**
   a. Supplies in the center (usually located on the balcony level):
      i. Med kit (stored in the office during practices)
      ii. Water (drinking fountain and restrooms on court level)
      iii. Biohazard Kit & Blood Spill Equipment (stored in office during practices)
      iv. Ice (available for matches only)
      v. Additional emergency equipment (spine board, vacuum splints, and crutches) maintained in the Sherwood Center Athletic Training Room.
      vi. Nearest AED: Sherwood Athletic Training Room, OR call campus security at x5777 or from a cell phone: (509) 527-5777.

4. **ROLE OF FIRST RESPONDERS**
a. Immediate care for the injured or ill person(s).
b. Emergency equipment retrieval.
c. Activate emergency medical system (EMS); Call 9-1-1
   i. Provide name, address, and phone number.
   ii. Number of individuals involved.
   iii. Condition of the victim(s).
   iv. Care being given to the victim(s).
   v. Specific directions.
   vi. Other information as requested.
d. Direct EMS to the scene.
e. Prop open front double doors.
f. Designate an individual to meet EMS (on Boyer Street in front of the Center) and direct them to the scene.
g. Scene control: limit scene to first-aid providers and move bystanders away from area.

5. LOCATION
   The Bratton Indoor Tennis Facility is located on the corner of S. Touchet St. and Boyer Avenue. The best entrance to the courts is from the top, although there is courtside entrance available. Emergency personnel should proceed through doors at the top of the stairs and ramp. Courtside access is available through an interior set of stairs. The physical address of the Bratton facility is: 115 Boyer Avenue, Walla Walla, WA 99362.

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS:
   Jeff Northam: Men’s Tennis Coach/Director of Bratton: (509) 301-8508
   John Hein: Women’s Tennis Coach (509) 301-8502
EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN
OUTDOOR TENNIS FACILITY

1. EMERGENCY PERSONNEL
   a. Athletic training student aide on site for all matches
   b. Certified Athletic Trainer on call for all practices and matches.
   c. Additional sports medicine staff accessible in the Sherwood Center Athletic Training Room, 47 S. Park Avenue.
   d. Other personnel may also include athletic training student aides, coaches, managers, emergency medical technicians, and possibly, bystanders.

2. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION
   a. The closest fixed telephone lines are available in the Penrose Library.
   b. Cellular phones may also be used by emergency personnel if available.

3. EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT
   a. Supplies at the outdoor courts:
      i. Med kit (stored in the shed during practices)
      ii. Water (drinking fountain at court entrance)
      iii. Biohazard Kit & Blood Spill Equipment (stored in shed during practices)
      iv. Ice (available for matches only)
      v. Additional emergency equipment (spine board, vacuum splints, and crutches) maintained in the Sherwood Center Athletic Training Room.
      vi. Nearest AED: Sherwood Athletic Training Room, OR call campus security at x5777 or from a cell phone: (509) 527-5777.

4. ROLE OF FIRST RESPONDERS
   a. Immediate care for the injured or ill person(s).
   b. Emergency equipment retrieval.
   c. Activate emergency medical system (EMS); Call 9-1-1
i. Provide name, address, and phone number.
ii. Number of individuals involved.
iii. Condition of the victim(s).
iv. Care being given to the victim(s).
v. Specific directions.
vi. Other information as requested.
d. Direct EMS to the scene.
h. Prop open front double doors.
e. Designate an individual to meet EMS (on Boyer Street in front of the courts) and direct them to the scene.
f. Scene control: limit scene to first-aid providers and move bystanders away from area.

5. LOCATION
The Outdoor Tennis Facility is located on the Whitman College campus off of Boyer Avenue. The best entrance to the courts is from the driveway off of Boyer Avenue. Emergency personnel should enter the driveway off of Boyer Avenue or park on Boyer Avenue adjacent to the courts. There is no physical address for the Outdoor Tennis Facility.

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS:
Jeff Northam: Men’s Tennis Coach (509) 301-8508
John Hein: Women’s Tennis Coach (509) 301-8502
EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN
VETERAN’S MEMORIAL GOLF COURSE

1. EMERGENCY PERSONNEL
   a. No athletic training student aide or certified athletic training coverage on site.
   b. Sports medicine staff may be available in the Sherwood Center Athletic Training Room, 47 S. Park Avenue.
   c. Other personnel may also include athletic training student aides, coaches, managers, emergency medical technicians, and possibly, bystanders.

2. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION
   a. A fixed telephone line is available in the Pro Shop at the 1st tee and 9th green, and at the groundskeeper’s office on the 2nd green and 8th tee.
   b. Cellular phones may also be used by emergency personnel if available.

3. EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT
   a. Supplies at the course:
      i. Basic first aid supplies at the pro shop.
      ii. Additional emergency equipment (spine board, vacuums, AED and crutches) maintained in the Sherwood Center Athletic Training Room.

4. ROLE OF FIRST RESPONDERS
   a. Immediate care for the injured or ill person(s).
   b. Emergency equipment retrieval.
   c. Activate emergency medical system (EMS); Call 9-1-1
      i. Provide name, address, and phone number.
      ii. Number of individuals involved.
      iii. Condition of the victim(s).
      iv. Care being given to the victim(s).
      v. Specific directions.
      vi. Other information as requested.
   d. Direct EMS to the scene.
e. Designate an individual to meet EMS (at the bottom of the driveway ramp at the 1st tee) and direct them up to the front of the Pro Shop. Additional location (depending on location of the injured athlete) would be the parking lot at the 18th green.

f. Scene control: limit scene to first-aid providers and move bystanders away from area.

5. LOCATION

The Veteran’s Memorial Golf Course is located off of Highway 12 on Par 72 Drive. From 2nd Avenue heading north, take a right on E. Rees Avenue, then a left onto Par 72 Drive. There are two accesses to the course, a ramped driveway on the front of the Pro Shop and a parking lot behind the Pro Shop & restaurant area. The physical address of the Veteran’s Memorial Golf Course is: 201 E. Rees Avenue, Walla Walla, WA 99362.

Additional Contacts:

Veteran’s Golf Course: (509) 527-4507
Peter McClure: Men’s Golf Coach: (509) 301-8506
Skip Molitor: Women’s Golf Coach: (509) 301-8505
Whitman College Lightning Policy

I. Chain of Command

• The responsibility of removing athletes from a competition due to the threat of lightning lies with the supervising athletic trainer.
• The responsibility of removing athletes from a practice/scrimmage where there is no athletic trainer present lies with the head coach.
• If the head coach is not present at a practice/scrimmage the assistant coach will assume responsibility.
• It is the responsibility of the athletic trainer to inform the official, referees, umpires, and visiting team of the lightning policy.
• It is the responsibility of the athletic trainer to monitor the weather and inform the coaches and game officials of any current or potential situations.
• In the event that the athletic trainer is not present the supervising athletic administrator will assume all responsibilities.

II. Means of Monitoring the Weather

• The athletic trainer will monitor for any weather watches and/or warning using local media and the National Weather Services.
• The flash-to-bang method will be used during all practices and competitions to monitor lighting and determine whether to continue or postpone the activity.
• Flash-To-Bang: Count the number of seconds between when the lightning strike (flash) has been seen and when the sound of thunder (bang) has been heard. Take that number and divide by 5 to determine the distance in miles from the strike.

III. Criteria for Suspension/Postponement

• Athletic events will be suspended and all athletes, coaches, officials, umpires, referees, and spectators should immediately seek safe shelter once the flash-to-bang ratio reaches 8 miles (40 seconds).
• Once the decision has been made to suspend the event the athletic trainer will notify the coaches, game officials, and a notification will be given over the P.A. system to inform the spectators of the danger and to find safe shelter.
  • Announcement to Fans: Fans are advised to immediately seek shelter in the nearest enclosed, grounded shelter. Remember that an automobile, golf cart, or open sided shelter may not protect you from certain lightning strikes.
  • Immediately following the announcement everyone should seek safe shelter.

IV. Safe Locations

• A safe location is any fully enclosed, substantial building ideally with plumbing, electrical wiring, and telephone service, which aid in the grounding of the building.
• In the event a building cannot be reached a fully enclosed vehicle with a metal roof and the windows completely closed can be used.
• Upon reaching the safe location if medical services are needed avoid using a landline telephone, instead use a cordless or cellular phone.

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<td>Louise and Paul Harvey Pool</td>
<td>BFFC</td>
<td>Sherwood Varsity Gym</td>
<td>Locker rooms, showers, or training room.</td>
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<td>Intramural Fields And Off Campus Events</td>
<td>Nearest permanent structure, personal vehicle, or team bus</td>
<td>Tall trees, metal objects, etc.</td>
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V. Unsafe Locations
• Small Structures: storage sheds, dugouts, picnic shelters, and pop-up canopies.
• Metal bleachers, batting cages, flag poles, scoreboards, and other tall metal objects.
• Convertible vehicles and golf carts do not provide adequate protection from lightning and should be avoided.
• Avoid locker-rooms, shower areas, swimming pools, hot/cold tubs, landline telephones, and other electronic equipment (that is plugged into an outlet).

VI. If No Location is Available
• Find a thick grove of small trees surrounded by tall trees or a dry ditch.
• Avoid standing pools of water, open fields, high places in the ground, and individual trees.
• Assume the “Lightning Safe Position” with your feet together, head down forming a ball, weight on your heels, and your hands over your ears. **Do Not Lie Flat!** Minimize ground contact.

VII. Resumption of Activity
• Resumption of an athletic activity may only occur 30 minutes after the last flash of lightning is seen or the last sound of thunder is heard.
• If at any point in time another flash is seen or thunder is heard the clock is reset.
• The lack of rain and/or blue skies are not a criteria for resumption due to the fact that lighting strikes can occur up to 10 miles from the rainshaft of the storm.

VIII. Obligation to Warn

• According to the basic principles of tort law, an individual has a duty to warn others of dangers that may not be obvious to a guest or subordinate of that person.
• In the event of a suspension of activity the athletic department staff will make an announcement warning everyone in the area to seek safe shelter.
• Prior to an outdoor activity this message will be announced over the P.A.
  • In the event of lightning, thunder, or any other severe weather, it is the policy of the Whitman College Athletic Department that all spectators immediately evacuate the bleachers and game area. You are advised to seek a safe location such as a hard topped vehicle until further notice.

IX. Lightning Strike Victim Care

• Lightning strike victims do not remain connected to a power source, and in turn do not carry an electric charge and are safe to assess and treat.
• Recommended Treatment Steps
  1. Survey the scene for safety.
  2. Activate the local emergency management system.
  3. Carefully move the victim to a safe area, if needed.
  4. Evaluate and treat for apnea and asystole.
  5. Evaluate and treat for hypothermia and shock.
  6. Evaluate and treat for fractures.
  7. Evaluate and treat for burns.
• These previous steps should be performed in order and only if it is safe to get to and treat the victim.

Reference:


DIRECTIONS TO LOCAL HEALTH CARE FACILITIES
St. Mary’s Hospital
401 W. Poplar St
Walla Walla, WA 99362
(509) 525-3320

From Sherwood Center
- Go South on Park St.
- RIGHT on Poplar
- Emergency Room will be on your LEFT, on 6th and Poplar.

Walla Walla General Hospital
1025 South 2nd Ave
Walla Walla, WA 99362
(509) 525-0480

From Sherwood Center
- Go south on Park St.
- RIGHT on Poplar
- LEFT on Second
- Emergency Room will be on your LEFT after Morton St.

St. Mary’s Urgent Care
380 Chase Ave
Walla Walla, WA 99362
(509) 522-5822

From Sherwood Center
- Go south on Park St.
- RIGHT on Poplar
- LEFT on 5th Ave
- Take a slight RIGHT onto Chase Ave
- Urgent Care will be on your right on the corner of 5th and Chase.

Walla Walla Clinic
55 W. Tietan
Walla Walla, WA 99362
(509) 525-3720

From Sherwood Center
- Go south on Park, which turns into Howard
- Turn RIGHT on Tietan
- The clinic will be on your LEFT, after Second Street.