



Jacksonville Sports Medicine Program Promotes Team Physician Communication

SAMPLE Letter to Principal / Athletic Director
Statement of Volunteer Status as a “team physician”

Dear Principal:

This correspondence is intended to memorialize the terms and conditions of my past and continuing relationship as team and consulting physician to the athletes in your organization. It is further my intention by this correspondence to notify you regarding certain limitations on my duties, responsibilities and potential professional liability arising out of my past and continuing relationship with your organization.

I have served and will continue to offer my services to your organization as a consulting and team physician relative to the prevention and care of sports related injuries. In addition to actually providing medical treatment and consultation upon request, my services have consisted of attending as many team functions (i.e. practices, games, exhibitions, etc.) as is reasonably compatible with my private medical practice. My attendance at these functions has been voluntary and generally gratuitous; and, it is my present intention to continue to attend, without charge, as many team functions as my private practice permits.

Be advised, however, that my past voluntary and gratuitous attendance at team functions as described herein is not to be construed as creating any contractual or other legal duty on my part to attend such functions either personally or by qualified representative. Your organization is hereby instructed not to rely on my past attendance at such functions as a basis for anticipating my future attendance at any or all such functions. If your organization determines that the attendance of a physician will be necessary at any or all future team functions, it is the responsibility of your organization to procure and insure such attendance. I hereby disclaim any and all responsibility for, and liability arising from, the absence of qualified medical personnel from any of your team functions.

Within the parameters of the foregoing qualifications, I look forward to continuing my relationship with your organization and its many fine athletes. Should you have any questions on the above, or require any additional information on the same, I trust you will contact me.

Sincerely,

Team Doctor