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To: Parents/Guardians of Bucknell University Varsity Athletes

We are excited that your student has chosen Bucknell University to receive an outstanding education and to continue their athletic career. I want to take this opportunity to make you aware of a few points in regards to the medical requirements relating to your student as they prepare for their upcoming season.

Please note that this information is needed for Varsity Athletic participation. Bucknell University will also need information. We realize that some of this information may be duplicated, but our systems are not compatible at this time.

- All incoming freshmen student-athletes, students who are transferring to Bucknell University or first-time varsity sport participants must have a complete general medical physical within the past 6 months prior to arriving on campus. This physical will not need to be repeated for subsequent years, only the first year they participate in a varsity sport. Please use the Bucknell University Sports Medicine general medical physical form.
- Most required forms must be completed electronically through the secure athlete portal in our electronic medical record system. Please review this important information and work with your student-athlete to complete appropriate signatures. Each student-athlete will receive emailed credential information sent to his/her @bucknell.edu email address. **All forms must be completed by July 15th.**
- If your incoming student is under the age of eighteen (18), an Authorization for Medical Care of a Minor will also be required.
- All student-athletes need to show proof of their Sickle Cell status. This only needs to be completed once in their career prior to start of any varsity activity. Bucknell University does not provide waiver for sickle cell status.
- All ADHD/ADD paperwork will need to be completed **ANNUALLY**.

(Please see other side for Important Insurance Information)

Important Insurance Information

As a condition of enrollment at Bucknell University, all students must present proof of health insurance. Additionally, as a condition of participating in intercollegiate athletics, the Sports Medicine Department requires proof of adequate health insurance that provides coverage for injuries occurring as a result of participation in intercollegiate athletics. This insurance requirement is a prerequisite for try-outs, practice, and competition. Bucknell University provides excess/secondary coverage **ONLY** for **varsity related injury** medical services that are pre-approved by the Bucknell University Sports Medicine Staff. This secondary policy has a \$1000 deductible, for which you or your primary insurance will be responsible.

- If you have questions regarding the terms of your current insurance coverage, you should contact your insurer directly. Please be sure to note if there are exclusions in your policy relating to varsity athletic injuries.
- If your current coverage is inadequate (some HMO's – examples: Kaiser Permanente/United Health Care and/or sport injury exclusions) it is recommended to inquire into the student health plan. We also recommend this option for high deductible plans. For policy premium, enrollment and coverage information, contact Mandy Olley – (570) 577-1159.
- Please be aware that if you choose to seek another opinion **without** Bucknell University Sports Medicine approval, you will be responsible for the entirety of the bills incurred.
- ***If you change insurance at any time during the academic year, please update your electronic medical record and contact Mandy Olley to update student health records. Failure to do so, or termination of your coverage, will make you responsible for payment of all medical bills incurred.***

I hope you find this information useful. Thank you for your help to provide optimum health care for our students.

Sincerely,



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