



## Dubuque Area Swimmin' Hurricanes Policy regarding License Professional Treatment and Educational Presentations for Minor Athletes

### **Purpose**

To make parents and legal guardians aware that the Dubuque Area Swimmin' Hurricanes (DASH) does not employ any health professionals for the treatment of athletes.

### **Policy**

A healthcare professional is defined as a person who may provide mental or physical health care treatment and advice based on their formal training and experiences. Examples of a healthcare professional include but are not limited to a physician, nurse, physical therapist, massage therapist, nutritionist or mental health providers.

- Healthcare professionals are **never employed or provided** by the DASH organization.
- If treatment is needed for the athlete, the parent/legal guardian will be responsible for the hiring of a healthcare professional. All treatment should occur in a healthcare setting by the healthcare professional. Any one on one interaction during treatment is determined and consent given by the parent/legal guardian directly with that healthcare professional and independent of the DASH organization.
- The only exception to DASH initiation of treatment would be in an emergency situation for which permission of treatment is given by the parent/legal guardian during team registration.
- If an applicable adult offers treatment, whether a certified healthcare provider or not, on the behalf of DASH swimming, Safe Sport should be contacted directly and immediately.

Contact Safe Sport directly: (719) 866-4578 or <http://www.uscenterforsafesport.org/>

- Any healthcare personnel hired by DASH will be for educational purposes only and information will be presented in a classroom environment. At no time during a DASH sponsored educational presentation will athletes be placed in a one on one circumstance with the presenter. Parents/legal guardians will be provided information regarding the presenter, information being presented and date/time events will occur through the DASH newsletter and website. Parents/legal guardians will have the opportunity to opt out by not sending their athlete to the event. If the athlete attends the educational event, permission for attendance is implied. The athlete will in no way be penalized by not attending the DASH sponsored educational event.