

OFFICIAL SPORTS MEDICINE PROVIDER

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Pre-Season Informational Letter

Our 2022-2023 sports seasons are starting, and it's time for the Athletics staff to prepare for a safe and successful season. As the school's Licensed Athletic Trainer, it is important for me to communicate with all coaches, student-athletes and parents in order to provide quality services for Blaine High School athletics through Twin Cities Orthopedics. I hope this letter will provide you with ample information on how I strive to provide a positive experience for your student-athlete here at Blaine.

What is an Athletic Trainer?

Athletic trainers are highly skilled healthcare professionals trained in the prevention, evaluation, and treatment of injury and illness. They hold both a national certification following passing of a Board exam, as well as obtaining a medical license from the state of Minnesota. From the onset of injury or illness through recovery and return to play, an athletic trainer is trained to work with your student-athlete through the entire process. The core competencies of an athletic trainer include:

- Injury and Illness Prevention and Wellness Promotion
- Examination, Assessment, and Diagnosis
- Immediate and Emergency Care
- Therapeutic Intervention
- Healthcare Administration and Professional Responsibility

Additional information on the profession of athletic training can be found by visiting: <https://www.atyourownrisk.org/>

Twin Cities Orthopedics is taking every possible measure to ensure the safety of our student-athletes, using recommendations from the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA), the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) along with guidelines set by the school and/or district.

This information letter will walk you through the services that are available to you. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

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Sports Medicine, Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Services

About Twin Cities Orthopedics

Twin Cities Orthopedics (TCO) is committed to providing world-class service. TCO's dedicated teams of independent physicians, specialty providers and care coordinators serve patients in clinic locations, walk-in orthopedic urgent care locations, and numerous other therapy and specialty care settings across Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Regardless of the location, TCO delivers an exceptional patient experience, backed by decades of trusted orthopedic and sports medicine care.

To learn more, visit TCOmn.com.

TCO's programs include:

- Orthopedic Urgent Care clinics, open **7 days a week from 8am – 8pm**. Scan the QR code below for a full list of locations.



- **Specialty Programs offered through Twin Cities Orthopedics (at various locations):**

Sports Injury Prevention	Dry Needling	Running Program
Blood Flow Restriction	Nutrition Services	Concussion/Vestibular
Athletic Competition Enhancement (ACE)	Sports Chiropractic Services	Soccer
Golf Medicine	Sports Massage	TRAC
Throwing/Baseball	Sport Psychology	Aquatic Therapy

- **Training HAUS Powered by TCO**

Training HAUS, with a flagship location in Eagan, is an elite athletic performance and recovery philosophy that is unparalleled in the Twin Cities. Utilizing innovative, science-based methods, our industry-leading team of experts work together to form a personalized approach for the athlete. Collectively, we establish a foundation for athletic performance that promises to challenge, inspire and produce real results.

To learn more and find locations, visit TrainingHAUS.com.

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Primary TCO Clinic Location

As your Licensed Athletic Trainer, I will be utilizing the following TCO clinic, therapy and performance locations as the primary locations I refer to in order to provide our student-athletes with a complete injury care and management program.

TCO Blaine
11225 Ulysses St NE | Blaine, MN 55434
952-442-2163

A wide range of health plans are accepted, and self-referrals are welcome. Please contact your insurance carrier directly for coverage details.

Blaine High School
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507-456-7220 | EricRisberg@TCOmn.com

Hours and Sideline Coverage

Although I do not attend all events, all the student-athletes at all levels of play are welcome to seek out my care in the Athletic Training Room.

Hours

- **Athletic Training Room Hours** – 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm *unless at games

Coverage

- **Varsity and Junior Varsity** : Football (traveling with varsity football only); Volleyball; Hockey; Wrestling; Gymnastics; Basketball; Boys Lacrosse
- **Varsity only**: Soccer (lower level soccer is available on site); Cross Country; Dance; Track; Baseball; Softball; Girls Lacrosse
- **Lower Level (10th or 9th)** : Football; Volleyball

Healthy Roster

All TCO athletic trainers working in the high school setting utilize Healthy Roster as our electronic medical record platform for your student-athlete. Healthy Roster gives TCO staff an efficient, HIPAA/FERPA compliant, protected platform for documentation purposes and provides a secure communication platform for me to discuss injury details with parents, coaches, and administrators as necessary. For more information on Healthy Roster, visit <https://www.healthyroster.com>

I will contact parents/guardians as needed in the event of an emergency. If you have questions, concerns or would like to discuss the plan of action for your child's injury, please contact me at: EricRisberg@TCOmn.com

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Concussion Management

Primary concussion management will be provided through the site Licensed Athletic Trainer, the student-athlete will then be referred to a sports medicine trained physician **if deemed necessary**. Referrals to a Sports Concussion Specialist are available and may be made based on your symptoms. If you would prefer to work with a physician regarding a concussion, please contact your Licensed Athletic Trainer so they can assist you in seeing a physician trained to treat this type of injury.

The ImpACT concussion test is a tool we have available to our student-athletes to help us in our clinical diagnosis and return to activity decisions. This is a computer-based test that uses multiple different tasks to determine aspects such as memory recall, reaction time, etc. This test is not required for participation in athletics by the school or the Licensed Athletic Trainer but may be required per coach's discretion. If you would like your child to take a pre-injury baseline ImpACT test (should the event of a concussion occur it is beneficial to have a baseline in order to compare results rather than using the normative data) please contact Eric Risberg, LAT, ATC for administration of the test.

Concussion Return to Play management will be supervised by your Licensed Athletic Trainer according to the [Minnesota State High School League guidelines](#). There is a mandatory 24 hour rest period between each of the 5 phases of supervised return to play.

Please contact your Licensed Athletic Trainer with any questions.

The Minnesota State High School League does offer Catastrophic, Concussion and Tournament Play Insurance Resources. This is not a TCO service, but the information can be found on the [MSHSL webpage](#).

Physician Visits

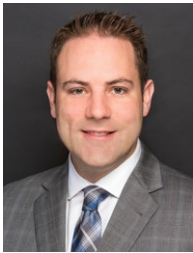
If your child is in need of a physician visit during the year due to an injury, please contact me directly and I will assist you with identifying a **sports medicine physician**. I can also facilitate a quicker appointment through the use of our team physician and supervising clinic.

For ALL doctor visits:

According to the Minnesota State High School League Rule (Bylaw 107.00), if your child receives care from a physician for injury or illness "the attending physician must certify in writing the students readiness to return to competition." THE ATHLETE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT A NOTE FROM A PHYSICIAN STATING SPECIFIC CLEARANCE FOR ACTIVITY.

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Sideline Team



Matthew S. Butterfield, MD

Team Physician | Blaine High School

Orthopedic Surgery, Board Certified
Sports Medicine Fellowship
Sports Medicine Subspecialty Certification

TCO Locations | Blaine, Coon Rapids, Fridley

Matthew S. Butterfield, MD, is a sports medicine fellowship-trained and board certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in arthroscopic and open reconstruction of the knee and shoulder, total joint replacement, and fracture care. His special interests of the shoulder include primary and revision rotator cuff repair, instability, and arthroplasty. His special interests of the knee include primary and revision ACL reconstruction, meniscus and cartilage preservation and repair, patellofemoral realignment, and arthroplasty.

Dr. Butterfield grew up in Ohio and is a graduate of The Ohio State University College of Medicine. After orthopedic residency training in Florida, he relocated to Minnesota for sports medicine fellowship training. He and his wife live in the western suburbs of Minneapolis with their two young daughters. As a family, they stay active with children's activities or sports and enjoy exploring Minnesota traditions and state parks. Dr. Butterfield has interests in international travel and cooking, cycling, and alpine skiing.



Eric Risberg, LAT, ATC

Licensed Athletic Trainer | Blaine High School

Education: Bachelors of Science in Athletic Training with double minor in Psychology and Health Education at the University of North Dakota

Number of Years at Blaine: 1

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Mark Weigand, MS, DPT, CSCS

Team Physical Therapist | Blaine High School



TCO Locations | Blaine

Mark Weigand, MS, PT, DPT, CSCS, received his Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree from Trine University. He played Division I soccer at the University of Denver where he graduated with a BA in Biology. Following his playing career, he returned to D1 coaching as the graduate assistant for the men's soccer program at SIUE where he graduated with MS in Kinesiology. Mark utilizes an evidence-based approach that combines hands-on therapy with corrective exercise to achieve optimal outcomes and sports performance for patients. He has a personal interest in treating all sports medicine injuries with a specific focus on soccer rehabilitation and injury prevention. In his free time, he enjoys coaching young soccer players through individual and group training sessions as well as traveling and spending time with his family.

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Clinical Navigator

TCO provides concierge care coordination and priority scheduling support for partner athletes. Our Clinical Navigators provide easy access to specialty provider appointments, including; physician, physical therapy, and concussion.

Your athletic trainer will assist you in contacting the Clinical Navigator, or you could reach them at ClinicalNavigator@TCOmn.com or scan the QR code below.



COVID-19 Safety Precautions and Expectations

We at TCO will be following the current Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL), Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. Please reach out using the contact information listed above for any specific questions

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