

**SAN JUAN ISLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
SAN JUAN COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 1**

**Standard Operating Guideline**

**Sporting Event Standby**

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**Purpose:** To assure the appropriate and timely on-field response of EMT's at the scene of a contracted sporting event where injury or illness has occurred on the field.

**Procedures:** The on-duty EMTs (generally 2 per game) will:

1. Report to the Aid Building at least ½ hour prior to the sporting event for which they are scheduled.
2. Be "uniformed" in something identifiable as a San Juan EMS EMT and dressed appropriately for anticipated weather.
3. Assure that all necessary equipment is loaded and available within the ambulance including tools necessary to remove helmet face shields.
4. Two EMTs will have a portable radio on their person and tuned to the EMS frequency during the entire standby. This frequency shall be monitored continuously.
5. Utilize Aid 32 unless unavailable on another call.
6. Notify 911 Dispatch of their standby assignment and location and be considered out of service until the event has been completed and the game has concluded and released by the Head Coach or his/her designee.
7. Report with the ambulance and equipment to the designated sporting area no less than 15 minutes before game play begins and ready the equipment and unit for a speedy response on the field. This will generally include:
  - a. Preloading the cot with the following equipment:
    - i. backboard and crash bag and padding
    - ii. airway kit and oxygen
    - iii. face shield removal tool (assure it is in the crash bag)
    - iv. appropriate BSI equipment
    - v. splinting equipment
  - b. Report to the head coach that they are present and available.
8. Have at least one EMT attentive at the game field sideline during every play action unless treating a patient. If one EMT is treating someone on the sideline, at least one EMT should be attentive to the play action if possible.

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9. NOT proceed on to the field unless play action has stopped and it is safe to enter the field.
  - a. Once called up by a referee or coach, hastily proceed onto the field with the preloaded cot and equipment.
  - b. Provide on-field care as per patient care protocols.
  - c. Page out for the on-call paramedic as necessary.
  - d. Generally, documentation of a written nature should be delayed until the patient is removed from the field of play unless medically necessary.
10. If an emergency occurs in the stands, the EMTs should respond to that emergency and call for a page out response for transport or replacement as patient conditions warrant.
11. If the duty crew must transport a patient from the event, they should make every effort to return to service at the field as soon as possible. If this appears to be delayed, have another crew paged out to respond to relieve you at the Medical Center or replace you at the field as patient conditions warrant.
12. The EMTs will attempt to have a parent/adult come with the patient to the Medical Center when medically appropriate and available.
13. Professionally perform all duties, remembering that your appearance and actions are a highly visible representation of the EMS and our level of readiness and professionalism even when “just standing by.”
14. A Run Number shall be assigned to the standby event and a pink sheet and run sheet filled out as a standby upon return to the EMS.
15. Any patient contact will be documented as per usual procedure and assigned a separate Run Number from the standby run.
16. Volunteer EMT's shall submit a yellow reimbursement sheet for their stipend as determined by current commissioner approved rates.
17. Any questions or concerns should be directed to the on-call Paramedic or Chief as necessary.