

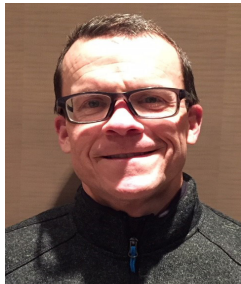
NSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee



Dr. Kody Moffatt, M.D., ATC is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Creighton University School of Medicine and is the Director of Pediatric Sports Medicine at Children's Hospital and Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska. Dr. Moffatt received his M.S. in Orthopaedic Surgery and his M.D. from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He completed his residency training in the Joint CU-UNMC Pediatric Residency Program and joined the Creighton University faculty in 2003. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Sports Medicine, and is board certified in Pediatrics. Dr. Moffatt was elected to the AAP's Council on Sports Medicine and Fitness Executive Committee which is the body that sets policy and practice standards for the field nationwide. He chairs the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and serves as physician for state championships for the Nebraska School Activities Association. Dr. Moffatt has received several honors and awards and is a member of numerous professional organizations as well as being published in peer-reviewed journals and text books. His main research interests are in pediatric sports medicine and vaccine medicine.



Dr. Dennis Connolly, M.D. is a family practice physician licensed in Nebraska since 1980. He graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine in 1977 and did his residency in Lincoln. He is on staff at Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center, Lincoln, NE and also works at Lincare Nebraska. He was awarded the NSAA Distinguished Service Award in 1997 for his years of service to high school activities.



Dr. David Clare M.D. is an Orthopaedic surgeon with Nebraska Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine in Lincoln. He received his B.S. from UNL in 1989 and his M.D. from UNMC in 1994. He then completed his Orthopaedic residency at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas in 1999. He remained in San Antonio for his fellowship in sports medicine/adult reconstruction completed in 2000. He and his wife Tana have 2 sons, Patrick and Thomas.



Dr. David L. Priebe, M.D. is a family practice/sports medicine physician in North Platte and Lexington, Nebraska. He is from Gibbon, Nebraska originally and attended Wayne State College for undergraduate and UNMC for medical school. He completed a family practice residency and sports medicine fellowship at Moses H. Cone Hospital in Greensboro, North Carolina. He has had the opportunity to practice in several states before returning to his home state in June 2014. He is a member of the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine and American College of Sports Medicine and has worked with professional athletes in the National Football League, Pro Golf Association and Major League Baseball. He has been a sideline physician for multiple colleges and high schools at all levels of competition and has a background in concussion and stinger research. He has published several articles and chapters in medical textbooks and journals. He continues to pursue research with a focus on evidence based sports medicine. He is currently active in speaking nationally for numerous conferences and his focus is to ensure safe competition and return to play for all levels of Nebraska athletics. He hopes to improve concussion education to school faculty, parents, coaches and players as well as other health care professionals. He lives in Maywood, Nebraska with his wife, Angeline and two sons Santino and AJ.



Eric Smoyer, PT, DPT, ATC, CSCS is originally from Phillips, NE and currently works for OrthoNebraska as a Physical Therapist specializing in ortho/sport rehabilitation of the shoulder and knee and as a Certified Athletic Trainer covering area youth and high school athletics as well as PRCA and high school rodeos. Eric received his Athletic Training degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University in 2010 where he was also a member of the track team in the high jump. After graduation, he worked as an Athletic Trainer for Lincoln Southeast before earning his Doctorate of Physical Therapy from the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine in 2015. In graduate school, he gained Division I and professional level clinical experiences working with the Huskers as well as Mayo Clinic affiliate professional and semi-professional teams. Eric remains active with district and state associations serving as the Webmaster for the Mid-America Athletic Trainers' Association as well as the state Treasurer and Webmaster for the Nebraska State Athletic Trainers' Association. In 2016, Eric received the NSATA George Sullivan Athletic Trainer of the Year Award and continues to serve the Nebraska athletic and sports medicine community working NSAA events and contributing where he can. When he's not in the clinic or on the sidelines, Eric enjoys weight training, traveling with his dog, Izzy, spending time with family and friends, tailgating at Husker Football games and working on various computer and web development projects.



Tyler Oberlander, MS, LAT, ATC, NREMT is an Athletic Trainer and interdisciplinary healthcare team member with Great Plains Health in North Platte, NE. He joined Great Plains Health in 2015. Originally from Elm Springs, SD, he attended South Dakota State University where he completed his undergraduate degree in athletic training (2013) and a Master of Science degree in Sports Administration (2015). Tyler's specific professional interests in acute care/emergency strategies, sport-concussion, and rodeo medicine. He has completed training to become an Emergency Medical Technician and has published research pertaining to concussion assessment in the Journal of Athletic Training. His work at Great Plains Health has allowed him to create a niche in rodeo by developing the Great Plains Health rodeo sports medicine program as well as being an assistant for the Justin Boots Sports Medicine Team. Tyler is also a firefighter/EMT for the Hershey Volunteer Fire Department.

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Rusty McKune has been a Certified Athletic Trainer for 20 years and is currently employed as the Sports Medicine Program Coordinator at The Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1994 and his master's degree from Ohio University in 1995. He spent two years in Wichita, Kansas with Via Christi Regional Medical Center. In 1997, Rusty accepted a position at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, where he spent the next 15 years. At UNO, he served as an Assistant Athletic Trainer and Instructor until 2006 when he became the Head Athletic Trainer. In 2012, Rusty left UNO to become the Sports Medicine Coordinator at The Nebraska Medical Center. Rusty is actively involved in the athletic training profession at all levels. He has been a member and chair of the NSATA Governmental Affairs Committee and served on the NSATA Executive Board as Secretary, Vice-President, President and Past-President. He was a member of the MAATA Board of Directors for 4 years. He serves as the Chair of the District V Governmental Affairs Committee. In 2013, he was elected to the BOC Board of Directors. Locally and within the state, he serves on the Omaha Public Schools Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, the NSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, is a member of the Concussion Coalition, as well as the Nebraska Cardiac Task Force. He and his wife of 17 years, Jennifer, have 3 children- Nicholas, Blake and Chase.



Sheri Chittenden has been the Secondary Principal and Activities Director at Paxton Consolidated Schools in Paxton, NE since 2004. Paxton Consolidated Schools is a K-12 school district with an enrollment of approximately 230 students. Prior to her role as a school administrator, she taught Spanish K-12 at Paxton where she began her teaching career in 1982. During her tenure at Paxton she has been an assistant volleyball, girls basketball and track coach and has sponsored many other extra-curricular activities. She coached Future Problem Solving teams in grades 5-12 for many years. One of her high school teams qualified for the International FPS Competition at the University of Connecticut in 2003. Mrs. Chittenden served on the NSAA Representative Assembly as the Speech Delegate for District IV in 2013 and 2014. She has been a member of NSIAAA and NCSA. Mrs. Chittenden received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Kearney State College with endorsements in Elementary Education, Spanish Education and Gifted Education. She obtained her Master of Arts degree from UNK in Educational Administration in 2004.



Steve Throne Assistant Principal/Activities Director at Millard South High School. Steve is originally from Lincoln, Nebraska and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1986. He attended Tarkio College then Nebraska Wesleyan University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in K-12 Physical Education. Steve received his Master's Degree from Doane College in Educational Leadership in 2010. He has served as an administrator at Sergeant Bluff-Luton High School in Sergeant Bluff, Iowa for three years. He has been in his current role at Millard South High School for the past three years. Steve's wife Patty is an Elementary Teacher at Disney Elementary in Millard. Steve and Patty have three children; son Storm and daughters Taylor and Paxton.



Danielle Kleber, ATC is currently the Vice-President of Operations at Athletes' Training Center where she oversees operations and marketing in the delivery of physical therapy, adult fitness, and sports performance training services. She has been with the company since it opened in 2009. Prior to that she served as Head Athletic Trainer at Lincoln Northeast High School for eight years. Danielle graduated from the University of Nebraska Kearney with a Bachelor's degree in Fitness & Leisure Management with emphasis in Athletic Training. She went on to complete her master's coursework at the University of Nebraska at Omaha where her professional experience started as a Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer where she worked with a variety of sports, including the 2001 National Championship Softball team. As an active member of the athletic training profession she has held many volunteer positions over the years, including Treasurer, President and Past President of the Nebraska State Athletic Trainers' Association, State Association Advisory Committee member for the National Athletic Trainers' Association, Board of Director and President of the Omaha Sports Medicine Alliance, and Medical Committee Chair for the Cornhusker State Games. She was awarded the NSATA 2007 George F. Sullivan Athletic Trainer of the Year award. She, her husband Bill, also an athletic trainer, and daughter Ruby reside in Omaha, NE.



Corey Campbell, DC is the owner and operator of Omaha Spine & Sport, a comprehensive conservative care facility that has three Doctors of Chiropractic, acupuncture, massage therapy and functional rehabilitation services. Corey graduated cum laude in Human Biology from Chadron State College where he was a two-time academic All-American running back for the CSC football team. He also graduated from UNMC with a Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Technology and received his Doctorate of Chiropractic from Cleveland Chiropractic College in Kansas City. Dr. Campbell is an instructor and board member of the Motion Palpation Institute that instructs doctors and students in manipulation, functional rehabilitation, soft



Ron Higdon, NSAA became an Assistant Director for the Nebraska School Activities Association in June of 2011. He is the administrator for cross country, wrestling, and boys & girls soccer as well as the liaison for the NSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. Ron oversees the assigning of medical personnel for all NSAA Championships. He served on the NFHS Wrestling Rules Committee as well as the NFHS Spirit of Sport and Heart of Heart Committees. He was formerly the wrestling coach at the University of Nebraska Omaha for 19 years (15 as an assistant and four as the Associate Head Coach). In his coaching tenure at UNO, they won six NCAA II wrestling team titles (2004, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2010 & 2011). In 2005 they won the team title as well as the academic team title--the team with the highest combined GPA (3.28 GPA). Originally from Amarillo, Texas, he moved to Omaha in 1987 to wrestle at UNO. He was a two-time collegiate All-American in wrestling prior to coaching. Ron is married to Sandy Derby-Higdon and proud parent of Kalee and Ryder.



Dan Masters, NSAA graduated from Battle Creek High School where he participated in athletics, activities and student council. Dan attended Concordia University graduating in 2005. He spent eight years at Concordia High School as a Business and PE teacher, Head Boys Basketball Coach and FBLA Sponsor. He has served as the Activities Director and Assistant Principal at South Sioux City High School where he was overseer of event management and district music contests. He strives to create equitable visibility and opportunities for all activities. Dan joined the NSAA in July 2015.