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Jim Thornton
President
National Athletic Trainers Association
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Dear Jim,

Methodist Sports Medicine and the Methodist Sports Medicine Research and Education Foundation proudly support the Youth Sports Safety Alliance and its initiatives. We commend them in their efforts to make athletic participation safer for young athletes through education, research and advocacy.

Our mission is to be the best place to give care and the best place to get care. For over 30 years Methodist Sports Medicine has provided pre-performance physicals, athletic trainers for junior high, high school, college, professional and youth sport events, concussion clinics, educational symposiums and published hundreds of peer reviewed research articles. We are committed to young athletes.

As opportunities and participation time increases for our athletes, so do the numbers of injuries that are seen by our physicians. Over 5000 children and adolescents have been seen by our group for new orthopedic injuries or concussions in the last 3 years. Athletic activity and teams provide many life lessons and opportunities. However, we all need to work as a team to educate parents, athletes, coaches and administrators so that our young athletes have effective rules, are taught proper techniques, and are given and fitted with proper equipment to keep them safe.

We are proud to be new members of the Youth Sports Safety Alliance and pledge to support the mission to make youth sports participation safer.

Sincerely,

Peter I Sallay MD
President
Methodist Sports Medicine