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Dear Coach,

Congratulations to you and your team on a very successful season and qualifying to compete in the 2022 Girls' State Basketball Tournament. No doubt that this year has likely provided some extra challenges to get through, the extra work and dedication have been worth it as you get to end your season at Wells Fargo Arena. The faculty and students from the Drake University Athletic Training Program will be working with the Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union to provide athletic training services during the state tournament.

Drake University will provide Licensed Athletic Trainers at every contest during the tournament to assist you and your players with getting ready for games and any necessary first aid or emergency care of any injuries that occur. Athletic Trainers and Athletic Training Students will be located in the chairs behind the team benches or along the baseline and in the athletic training room during the tournament to assist you throughout the tournament. We will also have orthopedic physicians on call or at some of the games to help evaluate any injuries. The athletic training space will be located near the locker rooms in the west side of Wells Fargo Arena. Ice is available for injuries and the arena staff provides water and cups at the end of the team benches. If you have special needs or have athletes need to receive a treatment, please notify us in advance and we will attempt to fulfill those needs during your time in Des Moines.

If you have a physician, licensed athletic trainer or other healthcare provider who works with your team, please forward our names and numbers to them so that we can make any necessary arrangements for treatments or other needs prior to the tournament. If your teams does not travel with a physician, licensed athletic trainer, or other healthcare provider, in the event of an injury the hosting physician and/or athletic trainer will have the medical authority to determine if it's safe for an athlete to return to play following injury (e.g, concussion, suspected fracture, ligament sprain, etc).

If you or a member of your team has any questions or requests of services prior to the state tournament, please feel free to contact us at the numbers or email addresses below. We will do our best to accommodate your requests and look forward to meeting you during this event. Again, congratulations on qualifying for the state tournament and best of luck.

Sincerely,



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