Help Us Lead the Charge This April During Youth Sports Safety Month

April is Youth Sports Safety Month, and you can help us get the message of injury prevention out to young athletes, parents and coaches! Want to know how you can help?

- **Join us for one of two tweet chats.**
  - Safety Concerns for Baseball and Softball Players
    - April 6, 12 PM ET
  - ACL Injuries, Treatment, and Prevention in Young Athletes
    - April 27, 8 PM ET

- **Share our Facebook and Twitter posts.**
  - Use the hashtags #SportsSafety and #YSSM2016 in your tweets

- **Submit a blog post around a youth sports safety topic.**
  - Share any other ideas or questions with Joe Siebelts at joe@aoss.org.

NATA Initiative Will Reward Youth Sports Safety Efforts

The National Athletic Trainers’ Association’s (NATA) launched a new Safe Sports School award program, which recognizes high schools demonstrating a high level of attention to helping athletes prevent injuries. Schools that provide student athletes full opportunity to stay safe in practices and games—including annual pre-participation physical examinations, injury prevention programs, and a comprehensive athlete care/treatment plan (just to name a few)—are considered. If you know a school in your community that has prioritized athlete safety, encourage them to apply for the award at http://www.nata.org/safe-sports-school-award.

Sports Safety Made Easy with the New STOP Sports Injuries Website

Our winter makeover is complete—see the changes firsthand! The new site offers visitors a fresh, easy-to-navigate, and mobile-friendly environment while exploring injury prevention materials—which have also been expanded. Visit www.STOPSportsInjuries.org to see all the new site has to offer, and be sure to share with your patients!

STOP Sports Injuries thanks the following companies for their continued support:

- [Arthrex](#)
- [DePuySynthes](#)
- [Smith & Nephew](#)