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SANTA ROSA ACADEMY ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION HANDBOOK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Please read the entire handbook and sign all signature pages. Turn in <u>ALL</u> SIGNATURE PAGES to the Athletic Director's office.

Do not turn in the signature pages to the main office or to your coach!

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GO RANGERS!

Participation in Athletics is a Key to Success

At Santa Rosa Academy, we have high expectations for our student-athletes as they represent our school in competition and in the community. According to a recent article in the National Federation of High School News, there are three core benefits that make athletic participation a key to student success both now and in the future.

Athletics Support the Academic Mission of Our School

Athletics are not a diversion but rather an extension of a quality educational program. Students who participate in activity programs tend to have higher grade point averages, better attendance records, lower dropout rates and fewer disciplinary problems.

Athletics are Inherently Educational

Athletic programs provide valuable lessons for practical situations- teamwork, sportsmanship, winning and losing and hard work. Through participation in athletics, students learn self-discipline, build self-confidence and develop skills to handle competitive situations. These are qualities that help students to become responsible adults and productive citizens.

Athletics and Activities Foster Success in Later Life

Participation in high school sports and other co-curricular activities is often a predictor of later success in college, a career and becoming a contributing member of society.

All Santa Rosa Academy students are encouraged to become a member of the Ranger Athletic "Family". Academic success and multi-sport participation is supported by every staff member.

Be a part of building a great tradition with Integrity, Excellence and Respect!

GO RANGERS!

SANTA ROSA ACADEMY ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT AND SPORTSMANSHIP

PREAMBLE

Athletic participation can be one of the most significant formative experiences in a young person's life. It gives a great deal of pressure and builds friendships that can last for years. In our school, athletics is an integral part of the education program. Athletics teaches fair play, sportsmanship, teamwork, perseverance and appreciation for improvement, desire to succeed and excel, self-discipline, responsibility, leadership and guick thinking.

Participation in interscholastic athletics is voluntary. It is a privilege, not a right, and carries with it the responsibilities of courtesy and sportsmanship on the playing field, on campus and in the community. Following this athletic code will aid you in the building team morale, discipline and spirit which make the team. Therefore, you should take it upon yourself to become the very sest athlete and team member possible, for you alone have the power to achieve or fail in these goals.

It is recommended that all coaches and athletes apply the standards of this code while participating in the athletic program of SANTA ROSA ACADEMY.

I. CONDUCT

The conduct of an athlete is closely observed in many areas of life. It is important that one's behavior be above reproach in the following areas:

A. On the field

A high school athlete:

- 1. Uses legal tactics
- 2. Refrains from using profanity
- 3. Is courteous & hospitable to visiting teams
- Respects the integrity and judgment of officials and accepts their decisions.
- 5. Is gracious in defeat and modest in victory
- 6. Controls his/her temper and maintains his/her poise
- B. In the classroom

A high school athlete:

- 1. Maintains prompt and regular attendance
- Maintains his/her grades in accordance with CIF and school rules
- 3. Strives to become a good student and citizen
- Shows proper respect for faculty members and other students at all times
- When suspended from school will not practice or participate until the suspension is over
- C. On campus and in the community

A high school athlete

- Demonstrates a high standard of conduct, as it reflects not only on oneself, but one's team, coach and school
- 2. Maintains "good citizenship" by not being involved in any criminal activity
- Any acts of vandalism will result in appropriate disciplinary action being taken
- D. On athletic trips

A high school athlete

- Demonstrate a high standard of conduct as representative of the school, community, family and coach
 - Respects the property of others

II. Dress and Grooming

Dress and grooming standards shall conform to Santa Rosa Academy regulations. Coaches may require that hair may be restrained in an appropriate head covering, protective clothing be worn and other grooming and dress standards that are more restrictive in order to insure compliance with necessary safety precautions.

III. PHYSICAL CONDITIONING & TRAINING RULES

SRA Student-Athletes will refrain from the use of tobacco (in any form), alcohol and other illegal drugs. This includes the illegal use of non-prescribed steroids and/or other performance enhancing substances. Proper diet and adequate sleep are equally important to the physical conditioning of an athlete. Athletes should maintain "good citizenship" by not being involved in any criminal activity.

IV. ENFORCEMENT DUE TO VIOLATING RULES

- A. Non adherence to the foregoing regulations will result in disciplinary action by the coaches, athletic director and administrators of the school.
- B. Violations of the letter or spirit of the Athletic Code will result in one or more of the following penalties when recommended by the coach and athletic director with approval by the principal:
- 1. Placement on probation
- 2. Removal from one or more of the next scheduled contests
- 3. Referral for assessment and/or treatment of any alcohol/drug violation, and/or criminal activity
- 4. Removal from the team
- 5. Forfeiture of letter, letterman's jacket privileges or award

V. COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS

When a concern arises, the proper protocol steps for the athlete/parent to follow are listed below.

- 1. Student meets with the coach regarding the issue. If this meeting is unsatisfactory to the student, then
- 2. The student and parent meet with the coach. If a satisfactory solution is not found then
- 3. The parent schedules an appointment with the Athletic Director
- 4. Only after attempting these prior steps, will the parent schedule a meeting with the principal.

VI. AWARDS

All recommendations for awards originate with the individual team's coach and are approved by the Athletic Director.

VII. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

In order to participate in extra/co-curricular activities,

- 1) students in grades 9-12 must demonstrate satisfactory educational progress in meeting the requirements for graduation. To encourage academic excellence, the Board requires students to earn a minimum 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale and have no failing grades (F)
- 2) students must not quit their sport once they have been notified they have made the team. Doing so will make them ineligible to play any other SRA sport until that season of sports begins again. Some exceptions may include a major injury or illness. This is under the discretion of the Athletic Director and the Principal.

VIII. California Interscholastic Federation

Santa Rosa Academy maintains membership in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) and requires that interscholastic Athletic activities be conducted according to CIF rules, regulations and policies. Also, SRA maintains membership in the South Valley League and must follow all constitutional requirements set forward in their bylaws

SANTA ROSA ACADEMY CONCUSSION INFORMATION SHEET

A concussion is a brain injury and all brain injuries are serious. They are caused by a bump, blow or jolt to the head or by a blow to another part of the body with the force transmitted to the head. They can range from mild to severe and can disrupt the way the brain normally works. Even though most concussions are mild, all concussions are potentially serious and may result in complications including prolonged brain damage and death if not recognized and managed properly. In other words, even a "ding" or a bump on the head can be serious. You cannot see a concussion and most sports' concussions occur without loss of consciousness. Signs and symptoms of a concussion may show up right after the injury or can take hours or days to fully appear. If your child reports any symptoms of a concussion, or if you notice the symptoms or signs of a concussion yourself, seek medical attention right away.

Symptoms may include one or more of the following:

- Headaches
- "Pressure in head"
- Nausea or vomiting
- Neck pain
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Blurred, double or fuzzy vision
- Sensitivity to light or noise
- Feeling sluggish or slowed down
- Feeling foggy or groggy
- Drowsiness
- Change in sleep patterns
- Amnesia
- "Don't feel right"
- Fatigue or low energy
- Sadness
- Nervousness or anxiety
- Irritability
- More emotional
- Confusion
- Concentration or memory problems (forgetting game plays)
- Repeating the same question or comment

Signs observed by teammates, parents and coaches include:

- Appears dazed
- Vacant facial expression
- Confused about assignment
- Forgets plays
- Is unsure of game, score or opponent
- Moves clumsily or displays incoordination
- Answers questions slowly
- Slurred speech
- Shows behavior or personality changes
- Can't recall events prior the hit
- Can't recall events after the hit
- Seizures or convulsions
- Any changes in typical behavior or personality
- Loses consciousness

What can happen if my child keeps on playing with a concussion or returns too soon?

Athletes with the signs and symptoms of a concussion should be removed from play immediately. Continuing to play with the signs and symptoms of a concussion leaves the young athlete especially vulnerable to greater injury. There is an increased risk of significant damage from a concussion for a period of time after that concussion occurs, particularly if the athlete suffers from another concussion before completely recovering from the first one. This can lead to devastating and even fatal consequences. It is therefore important that the parents and athletes understand the importance of recognizing the signs of a a concussion and seek medical attention when a concussion is suspected.

If you think your child has suffered a concussion...

Any athlete even suspected of suffering a concussion should be removed from the game or practice immediately. No athlete may return to an activity after an apparent head injury or concussion, regardless of how mild it seems or how <u>quickly symptoms clear</u>, <u>without medical clearance</u>. Parents should observe their child closely for several hours following a suspected concussion.

The new CIF By-law 313 now <u>requires</u> implementation well-established return to play concussion guidelines that have been recommended for several years.

"A student-athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from competition at that time and for the remainder of the day."

And

"A student-athlete who has been removed may not return to play until the athlete is evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussions and received written clearance to return to play from that health care provider."

You should also inform your child's coach if you think that your child may have a concussion. Remember it is better to miss one game than to miss the whole season. And when in doubt, the athlete sits out.

For current and up-to-date information on concussions, please visit: http://www.cdc.gov/ConcussionInYouthSports/

SANTA ROSA ACADEMY ATHLETICS

Student-Athlete and Parent Handbook

Student-athletes and their parents are required to read the Student-Athlete and Parent Handbook. A copy of this handbook may be downloaded on the www.sra.mn website or a copy may be obtained from the SRA Athletic Office. This handbook contains important information concerning the RANGER Athletic Program (Refer to page 3 "Athletic Code of Conduct and Sportsmanship", including the item titled "Communication Protocols").

I have read and understand the SANTA ROSA ACADEMY Student-Athlete and Parent Handbook

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Student Signature Date

Pursuing Victory with Honor

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Athletic competition of interscholastic age children should be fun and should also be a significant part of a sound educational program. Everyone involved in sports programs has a duty to assure that their programs impart important life skills and promote the development of good character. Essential elements of character building are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core ethical values: trustworthiness, respect, fairness, caring and good citizenship (the "Six Pillars of Character"). The highest potential of sports is achieved when all involved consciously Teach, Enforce, Advocate and Model (T.E.A.M) these values and are committed to the ideal of pursuing victory with honor. Parents/guardians of student-athletes can and should play an important role and their good-faith efforts to honor the words and spirit of this Code can dramatically improve the quality of a child's sports experience. Our athletic program subscribes to the Pursuing Victory With Honor Arizona Sports Summit Accord. "Pursing Victory With Honor" and the "Six Pillars of Character" are:

TRUSTWORTHINESS

- Trustworthiness Be worthy of trust in all you do.
- *Integrity* Live up to high ideals of ethics and sportsmanship and encourage players to pursue victory with honor. Do what's right even when it's unpopular or personally costly.
- $\bullet \; Honesty-Live$ honorably. Don't lie, cheat, steal or engage in any other dishonest conduct
- Reliability Fulfill commitments. Do what you say you will do.
- Loyalty Be loyal to the school and team; Put the interest of the team above your child's personal glory.

RESPECT

- Respect Treat all people with respect at all times and require the same of your student-athlete.
- Class—Teach your child to live and play with class and be a good sport. He/she should be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity, compliment extraordinary performance and show sincere respect in pre-and post-game rituals.
- Disrespectful Conduct Don't engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks of a sexual nature, trash-talking, taunting, boastful celebrations or other actions that demean individuals or the sport.
- Respect for Officials Treat game officials with respect. Don't complain or argue about calls or decision during or after an athletic event.

RESPONSIBILITY

- Importance of Education —Support the concept of "being a student first". Commit your child to earning a diploma and getting the best possible education. Be honest with your child about the likelihood of getting an athletic scholarship or playing on a professional level. Reinforce the notion that many universities will not recruit student-athletes who do not have a serious commitment to their education. Be the lead contact for college and university coaches in the recruiting process.
- Role modeling—Remember, participation in sports is a privilege, not a right. Parents/Guardians too should represent the school, coach and teammates with honor, on and off the court/field. Consistently exhibit good character and conduct yourself as a positive role model.

- Self-Control Exercise self-control. Don't fight or show excessive displays of anger or frustration.
- *Healthy Lifestyle* Promote to your child the avoidance of illegal or unhealthy substances including alcohol, tobacco, drugs and some over-the-counter nutritional supplements, as well as unhealthy techniques to gain, lose or maintain weight.
- *Integrity of the Game* Protect the integrity of the game. Don't gamble or associate with gamblers.
- Sexual Conduct Sexual or romantic contact of any sort between students and adults involved with interscholastic athletics is improper and strictly forbidden. Report misconduct to the proper authorities.

FAIRNESS

• Fairness and Openness—Live up to high standards of fair play. Be open-minded, always willing to listen and learn. Follow the proper protocols laid down in this handbook.

CARING

• Caring Environment – Consistently demonstrate concern for student-athletes as individuals and encourage them to look out for one another and think and act as a team.

CITIZENSHIP

• Spirit of the Rules — Honor the spirit and the letter of rules. Teach your children to avoid temptations to gain competitive advantage through improper gamesmanship techniques that violate the highest traditions of sportsmanship.

I have read and understand the requirements of this Code of Conduct and acknowledge that I may be disciplined if I violate any of its provisions.

Parent/Guardian Signature	
Date	

RISK ACKNOWLEGEMENT AND CO Athlete's Name: Sports:			
Address:			
Parent/Guardian living with student:	Parent Email:		
Other parent/Guardian:			
Address (if not living with student): Emergency Phone: Work Phone:			
WARNING OF POSSIBLE SERIOUS INJURY – SERIOUS, CA	ATASTROPHIC AND PERHAPS FATAL INJURY MAY RESULT FROM ATHLETICS		
by its very nature, competitive athletics, including tryouts, may put students in situations in which SERIOUS CATASTROPHIC and perhaps FATAL ACCIDENTS occur. Students and parents must assess the risks involved in such participation and make their choice to participate in spite of those risks. No amount of instruction recaution, or supervision will totally eliminate the risk of injury. Just as driving an automobile involves the risk of injury, athletic participation by high school students in may be inherently dangerous. The obligation of parents and students in making this choice to participate cannot be overstated. There have been accidents result of athletic participation. By granting permission for your child to participate in athletics and signing below, you, the parent or guardian, acknowledge that such risks exist. By chool participate, you, the student, acknowledge that such risks exist. Students will be instructed in proper techniques to be used in athletic competition and in the proper utilization of all equipment or work used in practice to make the proper utilization of all equipment or work used in practice to make the proper uses and techniques. As previously stated, no amount of instruction, precaution, and supervision will totally eliminate all risks of serious, catastrophic, or even fatal injury. If a he foregoing is not completely understood, please contact the School Principal or Athletic Director for further information.			
HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONCUSSION IN	NFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS FORM.		
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CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE By signing below, I/we assume all risks involved with participation in	n athletics as outlined in all sections of this form.		

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

EMERGENCY CONSENT & INSURANCE INFORMATION

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION	Student Birthdate	Grade
Athlete's Name	Cell/Home Phone	
Parent or Guardian's Name	Cell/ Contact #	
Employer	Work Phone	
Other Parent/Guardian's Name	Cell/Contact #	
Employer	Work Phone	
In the absence of parent/guardian, please call (in c	ase of illness or accident)	
Emergency Contact Name	Relation	onship
INSURANCE AND PHYSICIAN INFORMATION		
My son/daughter (or ward) is covered for athletic activ \$1,500 as required by Education Code Number 32220-24. This is no		in that provides a minimum coverage of
SANTA ROSA ACADEMY is to be notified	•	ed or changed.
Insurance Company Name	ID/Policy/Group N	umber
Family Physician's Name	Phone	
Serious Medical Conditions		
Allergies (list)		
CONSENT		
YesNo The student named above has my per	mission to engage in co-curricular	activities, including travel.
TRAINER CONSENT		
YesNo I/we give my permission to the Athletic rehabilitation when appropriate in his/her professional judgm		
TREATMENT CONSENT		
YesNo In the event of accident or emergency, available doctor or hospital, or request their services. I/we gracessary medical care as a result of an injury or illness.		
*IF YOUR ANSWER IS NO, PLEASE ADVISE THE SCHOOL	DL AS TO WHAT ACTION YOU W	OULD LIKE TAKEN:
I/we hereby consent that in the event that I/we cannot be physicians selected by the coaches and staff of Santa R injections, and/or anesthesia and surgery for the person	losa Academy to secure proper	treatment including hospitalization,
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date	

STUDENT-ATHLETE SOCIAL MEDIA AGREEMENT

SOCIAL MEDIA CAN BE A USEFUL TOOL TO COMMUNICATE WITH TEAMMATES, FANS, FRIENDS, COACHES AND MORE. SOCIAL MEDIA CAN ALSO BE DANGEROUS IF YOU ARE NOT CAREFUL. EVERY PICTURE, LINK, QUOTE, TWEET, STATUS, OR POST THAT YOU OR YOUR FRIENDS PUT ONLINE IS FOREVER PART OF YOUR DIGITAL FOOTPRINT. YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN THAT WILL COME BACK TO HURT OR HELP YOUR REPUTATION DURING THE RECRUITING PROCESS, A NEW JOB, OR OTHER IMPORTANT AREAS OF YOUR LIFE.

RECOGNIZING THE ABOVE:
I TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ONLINE PROFILE, INCLUDING MY POSTS AND ANY PHOTOS, VIDEOS OR OTHER RECORDINGS POSTED BY OTHERS IN WHICH I APPEAR.
I WILL NOT DEGRADE MY OPPONENTS BEFORE, DURING, OR AFTER GAMES.
I WILL POST ONLY POSITIVE THINGS ABOUT MY TEAMMATES, COACHES, OPPONENTS AND OFFICIALS.
I WILL USE SOCIAL MEDIA TO PURPOSEFULLY PROMOTE ABILITIES, TEAM, COMMUNITY, AND SOCIAL VALUES.
I WILL CONSIDER "IS THIS THE ME I WANT YOU TO SEE?" BEFORE I POST ANYTHING ONLINE.
I WILL IGNORE ANY NEGATIVE COMMENTS ABOUT ME AND WILL NOT RETALIATE.
IF I SEE A TEAMMATE POST SOMETHING POTENTIALLY NEGATIVE ONLINE, I WILL HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH THAT TEAMMATE. IF I DO NOT FEEL COMFORTABLE DOING SO, I WILL TALK TO THE TEAM CAPTAIN, OR A COACH.
I AM AWARE THAT I REPRESENT MY SPORT(S), SCHOOL, TEAM, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AT ALL TIMES, AND WILL DO SO IN A POSITIVE MANNER.
STUDENT-ATHLETE NAME (PLEASE PRINT)



DATE

STUDENT-ATHLETE SIGNATURE

SANTA ROSA ACADEMY

Parent Notification and Permission to Publish Form

Dear Parent/Guardian:

From time to time, student work may be exhibited in a variety of ways, including publication on the school website, blog, or other online resource. Such publishing requires parent/guardian permission. The work will appear with a copyright notice prohibiting the copying of such work without express written permission. In the event anyone requests such permission, those requests will be forwarded to the student's parent/guardian. Photos/audio/video of students may be published on school websites, illustrating student projects, sports events and achievements. As a precautionary measure Santa Rosa Academy will not permit a student's home address, phone number or SSN to appear on the internet.

Student Name	_
Permission to use student picture(s)/audio/video for school purposes	initial
Permission to use student work produced by this student	initial
Permission to use pictures of the student in the school yearbook	initial
Please check one and return signed form:	
We the parent/guardian and student DO grant permission	for use of student
images and intellectual property.	
We the parent/guardian and student DO NOT grant permiss	sion for use of student
images and intellectual property.	
Parent/Guardian Signature Name	Date
Parent Email:	



Santa Rosa Academy Athletics Uniform/Equipment Policy

Student:		Grade:	Sport:
(Last Name)	(First Name)		
school-owned equipment at the	the Santa Rosa Academy Athletics Ranger he end of the season, washed, and comp ge of the cost of the missing uniform/equip	lete with all pieces. Fa	
All uniforms and equipment are	e property of Santa Rosa Academy, and mu	ust be treated as such.	

The student SHALL be responsible for all of the following:

- 1. Maintain the cleanliness of the uniform by washing consistently and by the directions on the tags.
- 2. Maintain the quality of the uniform/equipment.
 - a. SRA understands that uniforms may be damaged during competition, and the student will not be held responsible for this kind of damage.
- 3. Turn in the uniform/equipment, washed, and clean, at the conclusion of his/her season.

The student SHALL NOT:

- 1. Keep the uniform or equipment at the end of the season.
- 2. Allow anyone else to wear the uniform/equipment, unless for a specific uniform-wearing event (Adopt a Staff football game, etc.).
- 3. Attempt to sell or distribute the uniform/equipment.
- 4. Alter the uniform/equipment in any way.

I understand and will abide by the provisions and coresult in being charged for the cost of the uniform, a right.		
(Print Student Name)	(Student Signature)	(Date)
I , und or destruction of Santa Rosa Academy Athletic Uniforms	lerstand that I will be responsible for any costs for re	eplacement/repair due to the loss, theft,
As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read and	agree to the provisions of this agreement.	
(Print Parent/Guardian Name)	(Parent Signature)	(Date)
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		Uniform Policy 08/2015

California Department of Education

Parent/Guardian and Pupil Sudden Cardiac Arrest Warning Signs and Symptoms Information and Acknowledgment Form

On July 1, 2017, Assembly Bill 1639, known as the Eric Paredes Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) Prevention Act went into effect. This requires the pupil and their parent or guardian to read, sign, and return an SCA form of acknowledgement before the pupil participates in any athletic activity. Districts may use this form, a form located on the California Interscholastic Association (CIF) website, or design their own form. An SCA acknowledgment form must be signed and returned to the school site each school year.

What Is SCA?

SCA occurs suddenly and often without warning. It is triggered by an electrical malfunction in the heart that causes an irregular heartbeat. With the heart's pumping action disrupted, the heart cannot pump blood to the brain, lungs, and other organs. Seconds later, a person loses consciousness and has no pulse. Death occurs within minutes if the victim does not receive treatment.

Who Is at Risk for SCA?

Thousands of sudden cardiac arrests occur among youth each year, as it contributes to the #2 medical cause of death of youth under the age of 25 and is the #1 cause of death of student athletes during exercise. While a heart condition may have no warning signs, studies show that many young people do have warning signs or symptoms but neglect to tell an adult. This may be because they are embarrassed, they do not want to jeopardize their playing time, they mistakenly think that they are out of shape and need to train harder, or they simply ignore the symptoms, hoping the signs will go away.

Possible Warning Signs and Risk Factors

- · Fainting or seizure, especially during or right after exercise
- · Fainting repeatedly or with excitement or startle
- Excessive shortness of breath during exercise
- Racing or fluttering heart palpitations or irregular heartbeat
- Repeated dizziness or lightheadedness
- Chest pain or discomfort with exercise
- Excessive, unexpected fatigue during or after exercise
- Family history of sudden death or heart disease under age 50
- Use of high-caffeine supplements, energy drinks, diet pills, and drugs

Removal from Activity

A pupil who faints during or following participation in an athletic activity must be removed from play and may not return to play until they are evaluated and cleared by a physician and surgeon, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant. I have reviewed and understand the symptoms, warning signs, and risk factors associated with SCA.

Print Student/Athlete Name	Signature Student/Athlete	Date
Print Parent/Guardian Name	Signature Parent/Guardian	Date

The CDE used information from the following sources: American Heart Association, Parent Heart Watch (https://parentheartwatch.org/), Eric Paredes Save a Life Foundation: Keep Their Heart in the Game (https://epsavealife.org/), and Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation (https://www.sca-aware.org/).