

# World Class Polo Matches Come to Allamuchy Twp.

The Allamuchy-Green First Aid Squad is proud to support and provide medical standby at polo matches now being held in our township. These world class players come from around the world. Our local team is Grayfields Polo Club (sanctioned by the United States Polo Association) and was formed by manager Brian Fairclough in 2022.

To understand the game and be able to treat players took some training for our members. The polo team consists of four players per team. Each player brings between six and ten horses to each match. Some days we have up to 80 horses in the area at a time. The object of the game is to drive the polo ball downfield and through the goal posts for a point. The field is 300 yards by 160 yards, so our EMTs have to watch a vast area of play looking for injuries.

Polo is very high speed and dangerous. You have balls being hit at high speeds, polo mallets being swung from horses, and horses with riders running fast and at times colliding. Not only can a player get injured, but the horses can also.

Trauma can be simple cuts and scrapes or major fractures of the clavicle (collar bone), scapula (shoulder blade), femurs (long leg bones), pelvic fractures, spinal injuries, and head trauma. Our standby crew and ambulances are stocked, trained, and ready for any of these emergencies should they occur. The pictures for this article show our members meeting with the team prior to a match, and Grayfield's manager Fairclough actually taking a fall during a match (he did not get hurt and actually jumped up onto his mount and continued to play). The matches are open to the public and interested people should follow the club on Instagram: @grayfieldspoloclub for match times and locations as there are two world class fields in Allamuchy that they play on. Our residents can also rest assured that while we are at the match another group of our EMTs is standing by for any regular

calls in our town. Your volunteer EMTs look forward to working with these great players and hope to see interested residents at future matches cheering our team on. ▲



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