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Director of Sports Medicine, Athletic Trainer

Jeff Hopp is in his 19th year as the Blue Devils' Director of Sports Medicine. Along with caring for the MCS athletes, he also supervises the student athletic trainer program, giving Marietta High School students the opportunity to get hands on sports medicine experience.

Prior to joining the Blue Devils medical staff he spent almost 7 years providing outreach athletic training coverage to several Cobb and Cherokee county schools for Resurgens Orthopaedics. He was the Head Athletic Trainer for the Barcelona Dragons of NFL Europe from 1995 to 1997 after working with the Minnesota Vikings in 1994 as an Assistant Athletic Trainer. Along with his full time duties, he was part of the medical staff for the 1996 Summer Olympic Games and served as the medical coordinator for the 2007 US National Paralympic Track and Field Championships. He has traveled with numerous US National Team Handball teams to various international tournaments including the World Championships in Besancon, France in 2001. In 2008, he ventured into the world of small business ownership with the inception of Sports Performance and Athletic Training Services, LLC. He has served as president, vice president, treasurer, and secondary schools representative for the Georgia Athletic Trainers Association. He is currently serving as the vice president for the Southeast Athletic Trainers Association and is a member of the Injury Prevention Research Center at Emory Traumatic Brain Injury Task Force. He was a founding member and later chairman of the Georgia Concussion Coalition and was instrumental in passing the GA Return to Play Act in 2013. As a member of the GHSA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee he has helped develop the GHSA heat guidelines and the GHSA pitch count rules for baseball. Jeff serves as a clinical instructor for Life University's graduate athletic training program and is on the advisory board for St. Augustine's graduate athletic training program. In 2016 he was awarded the Athletic Trainer Service Award by the National Athletic Trainers Association.

He is a graduate of Minnesota State University, Mankato (BS – Athletic Training) where he met his wife Julie, an AP environmental science teacher and science department chair at North Cobb High School. They have been married for 24 years.