

2021 Spine Injury in Sports Conference User Guide

The Spine Injury in Sports Conference 2021 offers many of the features found at the in-person conference – and it's all accessible from wherever you are around the globe!

Get ready!

1 – Check your tech! Spine Injury 2021 is best experienced on a laptop or desktop device, though it is responsive and compatible with tablets and smartphones. Any modern browser (Chrome, Firefox, Safari and Edge) are supported; however, the best setup is Chrome with a high-speed internet connection offering at least 25 Mbps download speed. You can test your internet speed [here](#).

2 – Have your login handy! An email will be sent shortly before the conference begins with your login information and the link to access the virtual event portal.

3 – Enable Notifications! Enabling push notifications will allow you to receive important updates and private messages. Accept the prompt in your browser to enable. You can disable them at any time.

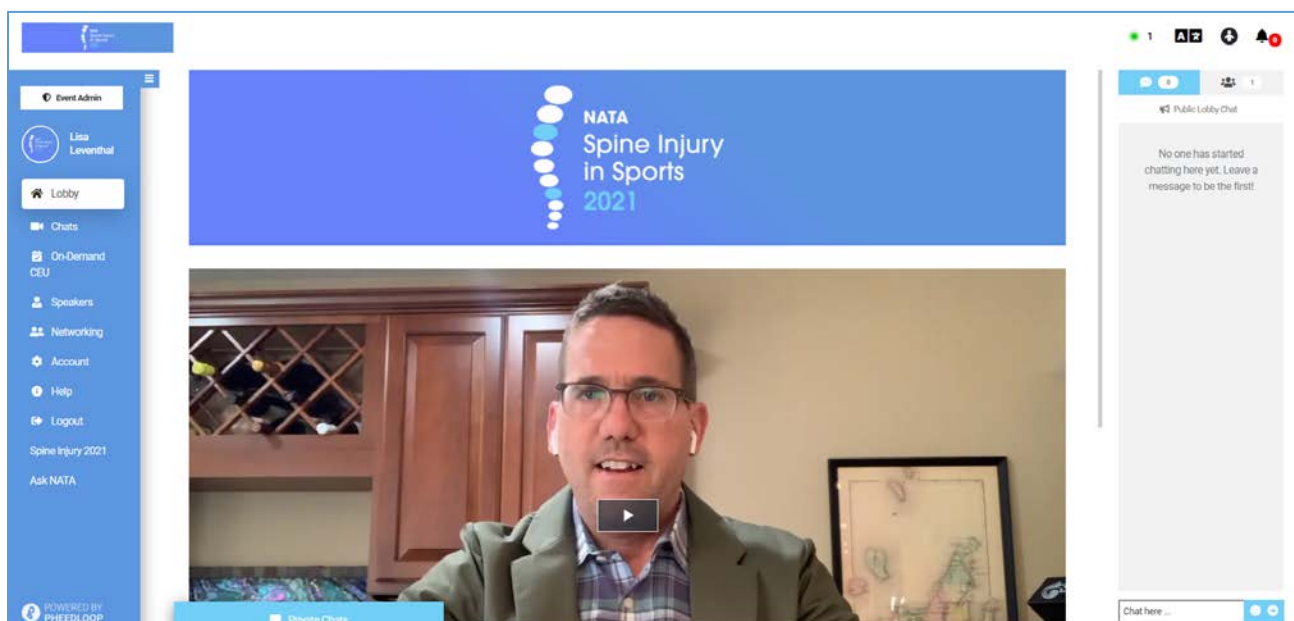
4 – Review your profile! When you log in to Spine Injury 2021 for the first time, click into the Account section to review or update your information. Be sure to click Save Changes!

Spine Injury 2021 Platform

Lobby

Once you've logged in to the Spine Injury 2021 virtual event portal, you'll find yourself in the Lobby. View the welcome video, scroll down to check out all of the announcements and say hello to your peers in the Public Lobby Chat! In the upper right corner, you can see how many other people are online, select your preferred language, make any necessary accessibility adjustments and manage your private notifications.

The navigation menu on the left side is visible throughout the platform and will lead you to the features outlined below. It can be hidden by clicking the three stacked lines at the top, which will then maximize the other items on the screen.



Chats

Specialist and Peer Chats scheduled during the live event days of May 10-12 are found here.

- Click the + next to the session title to add it to your personal schedule
- Use the search feature to search by keyword
- Use the filter feature to search by your personal schedule, format, audience, dates, or speaker
- Share Spine Injury 2021 with your network (Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, or email)
- Add the session to your personal calendar (Apple, Google, Office 365, Outlook or Yahoo!)
- Have discussion before, during or after the chat in the Public Session Chat
- Click 'Hide All' to hide the list of sessions and maximize the other items on the screen

Live Specialist Chats:

Tuesday, May 11 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM (CDT)	Wednesday, May 12 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM (CDT)
College/University – Power 5 Darryl Conway, MS, ATC & Scott Anderson, MS, ATC	Professional Sports Dr. Jim Ellis, MD & Dr. Stan Herring, MD
Secondary School Lance McNamara, MS, ATC, EMT-I	College/University – Division 1 Ron Courson, ATC, PT, NRAEMT & Murphy Grant, MS, ATC
	College/University – Division 2 Erik Swartz, PhD, ATC
	College/University – Division 3/NAIA Tim Neal, MS, ATC, CCISM

Setting Specialist-to-Peer Chats – Participate in moderator-led, peer-to-peer discussions held with members of the Spine Injury in Sport Group within a setting-specific conversation. To join a Chat, enter the appropriate session room and click the link inside the session room. Submit your questions in the Public Session Chat for the moderator to share with the speaker(s).

Peer-to-Peer Chats – Participate in peer-to-peer discussions based on the topics and settings of Spine Injury 2021! Share EAP templates on screen, engage in procedure discussion and share strategies you are currently implementing at your organization.

The screenshot displays the event interface for Spine Injury 2021. On the left is a navigation sidebar with options like 'Event Admin', 'Lobby', 'Chats', 'On-Demand CEU', 'Speakers', 'Networking', 'Account', 'Help', 'Logout', and 'Spine Injury 2021'. The main area shows a list of chat sessions with search and filter options. The selected session is 'Peer Chat: Secondary School - Rural' for Monday, May 10th, 11:00 - 11:55 AM CDT. The chat room interface includes a video call area with a 'We'll Go Live Soon!' message, a description of the chat, and a public session chat area on the right.

On-Demand CEU

Educational programming will be available on-demand 24/7 through May 25, 2021. Simply click a session that interests you, press play and start watching! (See assessment and CEU info below.)

You can also:

- Use the search feature to search by keyword
- Use the filter feature to search by format or speaker
- Share Spine Injury 2021 with your network (Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, email)
- Scroll down to see the speaker(s), abstract and learning objectives
- Submit your questions in the Public Session Chat
- Click 'Hide All' to hide the list of sessions and maximize the other items on the screen

The screenshot displays the user interface for the NATA Spine Injury in Sports 2021 On-Demand CEU platform. On the left is a blue sidebar with navigation options: Event Admin, Lisa Leventhal (profile), Lobby, Chats, On-Demand CEU (highlighted), Speakers, Networking, Account, Help, Logout, Spine Injury 2021, and Ask NATA. The main content area features a search bar, a filter dropdown, and a 'Hide All' button. Below these are several session cards, each with a title, speaker names, and a 'Credits: 1.0' badge. The selected session is 'Emergency Evaluation of Spine Injuries, II' by Glenn Henry, MD, EMFP. A large blue banner for 'NATA Spine Injury in Sports 2021' is centered on the page. At the bottom, there are social media icons for Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, and a private chat button. On the right side, there is a 'Public Session Chat' window with a 'Event Admin' header, a user profile for 'Katie Scott, NATA', and a welcome message: 'Welcome to the On-Demand Session! If you have any questions you would like the Speaker to receive, please submit them here. These will also be used during our Live Specialist Chats May 10-12th!'. A chat input field is at the bottom right.

PRO TIP! You can pause, rewind and fast forward while you watch on-demand education; however, you have to watch the minimum number of minutes to access the assessment.

Assessments/CEUs/Statements of Credit

Your participation in each session is tracked by the minute and you must view a session in its entirety in order to take the assessment and earn CEU credit.

IMPORTANT! Shortly before a session ends, the session assessment will pop up on the screen and **must be filled out immediately**; otherwise, you will have to leave the Sessions (or On-Demand) section, then return and watch the session again to access the assessment. **It is important to plan your time to watch and to complete the assessment immediately.**

A link to access your statement of credit will be sent to the email address you used for your Spine Injury 2021 login by mid-June. If you do not receive the email or have any questions about the CEU/statement of credit process, please email knowledgeinitiatives@nata.org.

Speakers

Visit this section to learn more about the Spine Injury 2021 presenters. Use the search feature to search by name or organization.

Allen Sills, MD
Chief Medical Officer, National Football League

Dr. Allen Sills is the NFL's Chief Medical Officer (CMO), a full-time position dedicated to advancing the health and safety of the sport of football. He became the NFL's first CMO in March 2017, joining the league from Vanderbilt University Medical Center. As a neurosurgeon specializing in the treatment of athletes, Dr. Sills continues to serve at Vanderbilt as a Professor of Neurological Surgery and the Founder and Co-Director of the Vanderbilt Sports Concussion Center.

As the NFL's CMO, Dr. Sills works closely with team medical staffs across the league, the NFL Players Association and its advisors, and the many medical and scientific experts who comprise the NFL's medical committees. He coordinates with these medical experts to lead the league's efforts to make advances, on and off the field, to protect players from unnecessary risk through rule changes, evolution of equipment, and robust injury reduction plans.

Dr. Sills has led the NFL's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, in consultation with the NFL and NFLPA medical advisors, including the infectious disease experts at Infection Control for Sports (ICS) and epidemiologists from KIVA, in addition to guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other public health officials. The recommendations of these advisors have informed the NFL's NFLPA COVID protocols, including robust testing and contact tracing programs. Under Dr. Sills's supervision, these protocols have ensured adequate knowledge of the virus and its transmission toward the league's goal of safety and responsibly completing the 2020 season.

Networking

While you can send (or receive) a private message from many areas within the platform, the Networking section is dedicated to helping you connect. You can network with other attendees at any time during the full 30-day event.

- From the People tab, click 'Start Chat' to send a private message and launch a one-on-one text or video chat. Your private chats will remain in the Private Chats area at the bottom of the page for the duration of the event.
- From the Groups tab, join a Group to video chat with up to 25 attendees on a setting or topic that interests you.
- From the Matches tab, take the Matchmaking Survey and let the algorithm find attendees with similar interests. Start a chat by selecting their name and sending them a private message. Use the search feature to find friends and colleagues.
- Use the filter feature to see who's 'online now' or search by attendee tags (attendee, exhibitor, speaker, or sponsor).

Note: Your camera and microphone will not work if you're accessing the platform via VPN.

Ron Courson, ATC, PT, NRAEMT
Executive Associate Athletic Director - Sports Medicine, University of Georgia Athletics

Ron Courson currently serves as Executive Associate Athletic Director - Sports Medicine with the University of Georgia Athletic Association. He joined the University of Georgia in May of 1995, after serving four years as Director of Rehabilitation at the University of Alabama. Prior to joining the Alabama staff in 1991, he served as an athletic trainer/physical therapist with Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. He received his undergraduate degree in education/physical education from Samford University where he played soccer and ran track and field. Courson performed two years of graduate work at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga and graduated with honors from the Medical College of Georgia in 1985 with a degree in physical therapy. Ron is additionally a nationally registered advanced emergency medical technician as well as a certified strength and conditioning specialist by the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

Courson has been involved in many athletic training activities including work as an athletic trainer with the U.S. Olympic Team at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea; 1990 Goodwill Games in Seattle; 1987 World University Games in Zagreb, Yugoslavia; 1987 Pan American Games in Indianapolis and the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain. He served as the chief athletic trainer for the 1996 U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials as well as the chief athletic trainer for track and field for the 1996 Olympic Games.

Active in his profession, Ron has served as a member of the NCAA Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports committee. He is a past president of the Southeastern Conference Sports Medicine Committee as well as chairman of the College and University Athletic Trainers' Committee of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) and NATA representative to the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA).

Platform Networking

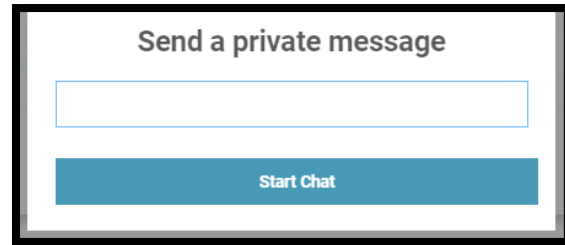
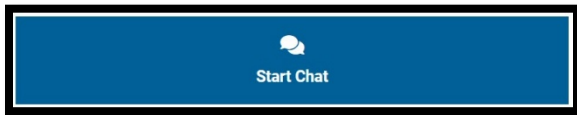
In addition to the opportunities in Networking section, you can also connect with others in the Lobby, Chat, and On-Demand CEU Sessions.

Chat!

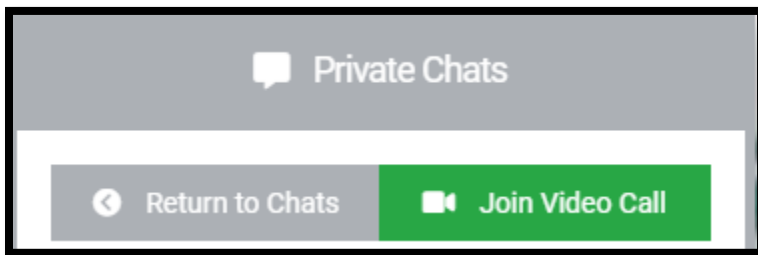
Start a chat with a friend, a colleague, or a new acquaintance. There are options for private chat and public chat.

Private Chat

Text Chat – Click an attendee's name to send them a message and start a private text chat.



Video Chat – Turn a text chat into a video call by clicking 'Join Video Call'.



Your private chats will remain in the Private Chats area at the bottom of the page for the duration of the event.

Public Chat

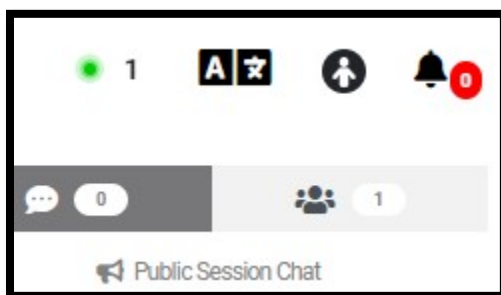
Use the chat feature on the right side of the page to connect with other attendees.

From the Lobby – Let everyone know how excited you are to be attending VATEC 2021!

From a session – Chat with others about the session topic.

Who's Online?

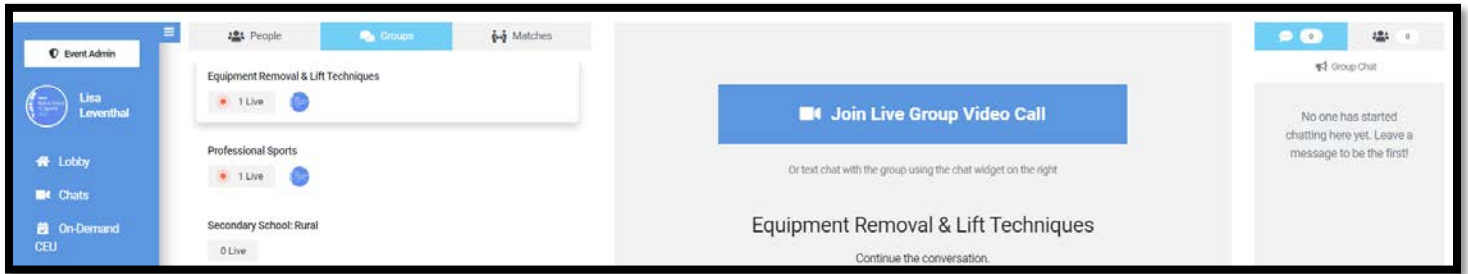
See how many others are in the lobby or in the same session as you.



PRO TIP! *A green halo around an attendee photo means they're online now!*

Join a Group!

During breaks, lunch, and throughout the live and on-demand event, join a discussion group conversing on topics that interest you. Located in the Networking section, Groups have a limit of 25 attendees, to encourage an opportunity for live, engaging conversation.



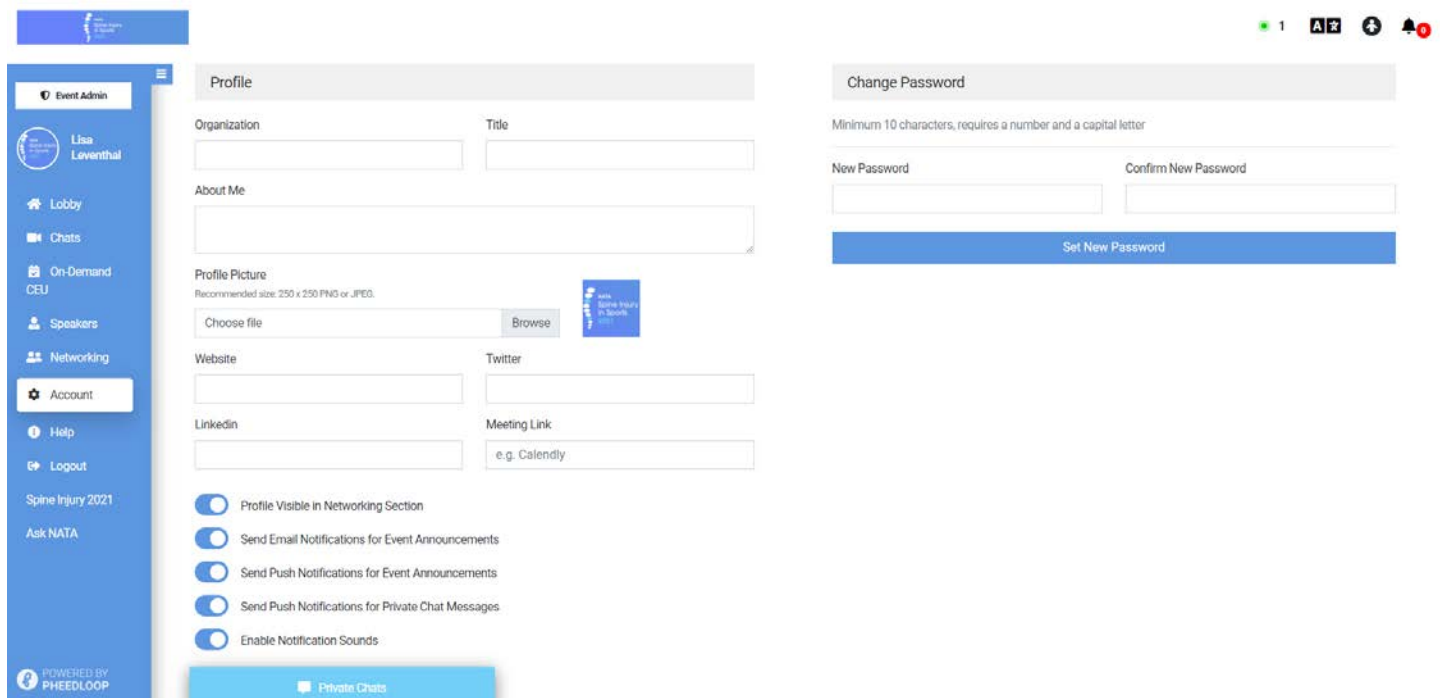
Text chat with attendees individually to invite them to your discussion group.

Account

Visit the Account section to:

- Change your password
- Add your photo and bio
- Share your social media info
- Edit your visibility in the Networking section
- Enable/disable email notifications, push notifications and notification sounds
- Edit your time zone
- Download your attendance certificate

Be sure to scroll down and **Save Changes** before you navigate to another section or logout.



Help

The Help section leads to the 2021 Spine Injury User Guide – which you're reading right now!

Can't find what you're looking for? Contact [Member Services by email](#) or call 800-879-6282. Or go to the Ask NATA tab located at the bottom of the left navigation bar to submit your question. NATA staff will respond ASAP.

PRO TIP! *Try refreshing the page (Ctrl+Shift+R) if you run into any issues.*

Spine

The Spine link will take you to the [2021 Spine Injury in Sports Conference](#) page on the NATA website.

Ask NATA

Use this link to submit questions to NATA staff and we will reply ASAP!

Rules of Engagement

Those who take part in any NATA meeting or event, whether in-person or virtual, must treat each other with civility, courtesy and respect (both face-to-face and online), regardless of the sex, race, color, national origin, marital status, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation, occupation, line of business, or policy position of other participants.

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