

CHAPTER 293

AN ACT concerning student-athlete safety and supplementing chapter 11 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.18A:11-3.10 “Heat Participation Policy.”

1. A school district which is a member of any voluntary association, pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1979, c.172 (C.18A:11-3), which oversees activities associated with Statewide interscholastic sports programs shall:

a. Adopt the “Heat Participation Policy” required by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association for conducting practice or games in all sports during times of high heat or humidity. The association’s policy shall address:

- (1) the scheduling of practice or games during times of various heat and humidity levels;
- (2) the ratio of time devoted to workouts to time allotted for rest and hydration during various heat and humidity levels; and
- (3) the heat and humidity levels at which practice or games will be canceled.

The guidelines included in the association’s policy shall provide a default policy to those responsible or sharing duties for making decisions concerning the implementation of modifications or cancellation of practices or games based on the presence of heat and humidity.

b. Purchase a WetBulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) tool to measure the heat stress in direct sunlight at the practice or game site. Heat stress consists of temperature, humidity, wind speed, the angle of the sun, and cloud coverage.

A school district shall adopt the association’s policy concerning the frequency and recording of WetBulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) measurements.

2. This act shall take effect in the first full school year following enactment.

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