

Changes highlighted in **YELLOW** – recommendations by KSBA in 2017 Policy Update.

SCHOOL LEVEL OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN CPR CERTIFICATION AND PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION TO THE SCHOOL.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: COST OF TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

LEGAL: HB 241 AMENDS KRS 160.445 TO PROHIBIT A STUDENT ATHLETE SUSPECTED OF SUFFERING A CONCUSSION FROM RETURNING TO PLAY PRIOR TO PASSING THE REQUIRED EVALUATION ADMINISTERED BY A PHYSICIAN OR LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: POSSIBLE COST OF HAVING LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AT COMPETITIONS OR PRACTICES

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~~The Superintendent shall develop procedures to insure that the safety of the student shall be the first consideration.~~ District policy and procedures shall be developed to conform with statutory and regulatory requirements designed to protect the safety of the students in all athletic practices and events.

SUPERVISION

All athletic practices and events shall be under the direct supervision of a qualified employee of the Board.

TRAINING

All persons employed by the District as a coach for any interscholastic athletic activity or sport shall meet statutory training requirements. Training shall include how to recognize the symptoms of a concussion and how to seek proper medical treatment for a person suspected of having a concussion.

In addition, at least one (1) person who has completed the required course shall be present at every interscholastic athletic practice and competition.¹

~~Prior to assuming their duties, nonfaculty coaches/coaching assistants~~ Any middle or high school coach (head or assistant, paid or unpaid) shall successfully complete training ~~provided by the District~~ as required by the District, the Kentucky Board of Education, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, and state law and regulation. This, ~~which~~ shall include, ~~but not limited to, the following:~~

- ~~1. Information on the physical and emotional development of students of the age with whom the nonfaculty coach and nonfaculty assistant will be working;~~
- ~~2. The District's and school's discipline policies;~~
- ~~3. Procedures for dealing with discipline problems; and~~

Safety and first aid training and providing the school documentation of successful completion of a C.P.R. course that includes the use of an automatic defibrillator and first aid training, conducted by an instructor or program approved by a college or university, the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, or other bona fide accrediting agency. Initial certification shall use in-person instruction with certification updated as required by the approving agency.⁴

Nonfaculty coaches and nonfaculty assistants shall complete District training that includes information on the physical and emotional development of students of the age with which they will be working, the District's and school's discipline policies, procedures for dealing with

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EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

In keeping with rules established by Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) or the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA), each school participating in interscholastic athletics shall develop and implement a venue-specific, written emergency action plan and submit annual written verification of the plan to the designated agency. The school plan shall be reviewed, distributed, posted, and rehearsed annually as provided in statute.¹

CONCUSSIONS

When an interscholastic coach, school athletic personnel, or contest official suspect that a student athlete has sustained a concussion during an athletic practice or competition, the student shall be removed from play and evaluated by a **physician or** licensed health care provider, as specified in statute, who shall determine if a concussion has occurred. **Upon the completion of the required evaluation, the coach may return** ~~The student may return~~ to play if it is determined that no concussion has occurred. **If no physician or licensed health care provider is present to perform the required evaluation, the coach shall not return the student to play or participation in subsequent practices or athletic competitions until written clearance is provided.**

A student athlete deemed to be concussed shall not be permitted to participate in any athletic practice or competition occurring on the day of the injury or, unless a physician provides written clearance, participate in any practice or athletic competition held on a subsequent day.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Each student seeking eligibility to participate in any school athletic activity or sport must pass an annual medical examination performed and signed by a medical practitioner as required by law.²

The required physical examination and parental authorization shall include acknowledgement of receipt of information on the nature and risk of concussion and head injury, including the continuance of playing after concussion or head injury.¹

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 160.445

²KRS 156.070

³KRS 161.185

⁴**702 KAR 7:065**

RELATED POLICIES:

03.1161

03.2141