

GHSA: HEAT & HUMIDITY POLICY

Heat and Humidity Awareness:

GHSA has a statewide practice policy for extremely high heat and humidity that list guidelines for monitoring the heat during sports that occur in the warmer months. This includes practices, games, and voluntary conditioning.

GUIDELINES FOR HYDRATION AND REST BREAKS:

- Rest time should involve both unlimited hydration intake (water or electrolyte drinks) and rest without any activity.
- For football, helmets should be removed during rest time.
- The site of rest should be a “cooling zone” and not in direct sunlight.
- When the WBGT reading is over 86:
 - Ice towels and spay bottles filled with ice water should be available at the “cooling zone” to aid the cooling process
 - Cold immersion tubs must be available for practices for the benefit of any player showing early signs of heat illness.

Please refer to BY-LAW 2.67-GHSA Practice Policy for Heat and Humidity for more details:
<http://www.ghsa.net/sites/default/files/documents/sports-medicine/HeatPolicy2013.pdf>

It is recommended that all guidelines be followed in such a way that the best interests of our students be made our number one priority. It is also recommended that coaches constantly teach our students about proper hydration throughout each day. It is important that student-athletes be allowed to carry water with them during the day and hydrate themselves, on days of practices and games, while the weather has the possibility of reaching critical levels in relation to the heat and humidity.

I HAVE READ THIS FORM AND I UNDERSTAND THE FACTS PRESENTED IN IT.

Student Athlete Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date