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Chapter 13. Student Athletes: Sudden Cardiac Arrest

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Application of chapter

Sec. 1. This chapter applies to public and private postsecondary educational institutions in Indiana that offer athletic activities.

As added by P.L.139-2014, SEC.4.

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"Association"

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "association" means an organization that conducts, organizes, sanctions, or sponsors interscholastic athletic events as the organization's primary purpose.

As added by P.L.139-2014, SEC.4.

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"Athletic activity"

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "athletic activity" includes the following:

- (1) An athletic contest or competition conducted between or among postsecondary educational institutions.
- (2) Competitive and noncompetitive cheerleading that is sponsored by or associated with a postsecondary educational institution.

As added by P.L.139-2014, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.127-2016, SEC.24.

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Distribution of information by commission

Sec. 4. (a) Before July 1, 2015, the commission shall disseminate guidelines, information sheets, and forms to the athletic department of each postsecondary educational institution to inform and educate coaches and student athletes of the nature and risk of sudden cardiac arrest to student athletes.

(b) The commission:

- (1) may consult with an association, medical professionals, and others with expertise in diagnosing and treating sudden cardiac arrest; and
- (2) may request the assistance of an association in disseminating the guidelines, information sheets, and forms required under subsection (a).

(c) The commission may disseminate the guidelines, information sheets, and forms required under this section in an electronic format.

As added by P.L.139-2014, SEC.4.

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Acknowledgement of receipt of information by student athlete

Sec. 5. Each year, before beginning practice for an athletic activity, a student athlete:

- (1) must be given the information sheet and form described in section 4 of this chapter; and
- (2) shall sign and return the form acknowledging the receipt of the information sheet to the student athlete's coach.

The coach shall maintain a file of the completed forms.

As added by P.L.139-2014, SEC.4.

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Symptom of sudden cardiac arrest; removal; notification

Sec. 6. If a student athlete is suspected of experiencing a symptom of sudden cardiac arrest in a practice for an athletic activity or in an athletic activity:

- (1) the student athlete shall be removed from practice or play at the time that the symptom is identified; and
- (2) an athletic trainer or a physician associated with the team or postsecondary educational institution shall be notified of the student athlete's symptoms.

As added by P.L.139-2014, SEC.4.

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Symptom of sudden cardiac arrest; return to play or practice

Sec. 7. A student athlete who has been removed from practice or play under section 6 of this chapter may not return to practice and play until the coach has received verbal permission from an athletic trainer or a physician that the student athlete may return to practice and play. Within twenty-four (24) hours after giving verbal permission for the student athlete to return to practice and play, the athletic trainer or physician must provide the coach with a written statement that the student athlete has permission to return to practice and play.

As added by P.L.139-2014, SEC.4.