Mississippi’s Rank: 13th out of 51 States (including Washington D.C)
Mississippi’s Score: 55.25 out of 100 Points

ABOUT KSI
In the past ten years, 222 children have died from sports related injuries while participating in organized high school athletics. Some of the most common causes of death in sports are sudden cardiac arrest, exertional heat stroke, and traumatic head injury.

The Korey Stringer Institute is dedicated to preventing sudden death in sports. Recently KSI has published a study that ranked states by their health and safety policies according to best practices established by panels of experts in the field.

Our mission is to inform parents, coaches, and community members about the steps that Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) and Mississippi’s legislators have taken to protect athletes.

Definitions:
AHCC (Appropriate Healthcare Coverage), EHS (Exertional Heat Stroke), EP (Emergency Preparedness), SCA (Sudden Cardiac Arrest), THI (Traumatic Head Injuries)

Ranks and Scores are accurate as of June 2018
Mississippi and Emergency Preparedness

Emergency Action Plans are concrete written plans that reduce critical delays in care of catastrophic injuries.

What Can You Do?
Reach out to the Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA). Make sure the officials responsible for student-athlete safety are using best practices.

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Mississippi is among the nation’s leaders when it comes to Exertional Heat Stroke, Sudden Cardiac Arrest, and Traumatic Head Injuries.

However, Mississippi has room to grow with Appropriate Healthcare Coverage and Emergency Preparedness.

Mississippi has the most room for improvement in Emergency Preparedness. Improving these policies could move Mississippi from 13th to 5th!

Emergency Preparedness Policies

Policies Currently in Place for Mississippi

Policy 1EP: Coaching education required as part of coaching certification on topics relating to preventing sudden death in sport
Policy 2EP: CPR/AED and First Aid training required for all coaches

Possible Improvements for Mississippi

Policy 1E: Every school or organization that sponsors athletics should develop an EAP specifically for managing serious and/or potentially life-threatening sport-related injuries (athletics emergency action plan AEAP)
Policy 2E: The AEAP should be developed and coordinated with local EMS, school public safety officials, on site medical personnel or school medical staff, and school administrators
Policy 3E: Every school should distribute the AEAP to all athletics staff members
Policy 4E: The AEAP should be specific to each venue (including maps, directions, etc.)
Policy 5E: On-site emergency equipment that may be needed in an emergency situation should be listed
Policy 6E: The AEAP should identify personnel and their responsibilities to carry out the plan of action with a designated chain of command
Policy 7E: Appropriate contact information for EMS
Policy 8E: Plan should specify documentation actions that need to be taken post emergency