South Carolina’s Rank: **42nd out of 51 States** (including Washington D.C)
South Carolina’s Score: **39.80 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 South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) and South Carolina’s legislators have taken to protect athletes.

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**Definitions:**
- AHCC (Appropriate Healthcare Coverage)
- EHS (Exertional Heat Stroke)
- EP (Emergency Preparedness)
- SCA (Sudden Cardiac Arrest)
- THI (Traumatic Head Injuries)
Athletic trainers are healthcare professionals trained in emergency care and the prevention of sudden death in sports.

Specific Appropriate Healthcare Coverage Policies

What Can You Do?
Reach out to the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL). Make sure the officials responsible for student-athlete safety are using best practices.

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Policies Currently in Place for South Carolina

Policy 2 AHCC: Some Form of Regulation for Athletic Trainers (i.e. Registered)

Possible Improvements for South Carolina

Policy 1 AHCC: Licensure for Athletic Trainers

Policy 3 AHCC: Appropriate healthcare profession required to be onsite at all collision/contact practices and competitions

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South Carolina scores among the best in the nation when it comes to Sudden Cardiac Arrest, and performs very well in Emergency Preparedness and Traumatic Head Injuries.

South Carolina has room to improve in Exertional Heat Stroke and Appropriate Healthcare Coverage.

South Carolina falls farthest from the national average in Appropriate Healthcare Coverage. Improving policies could move South Carolina from 42nd to 14th!